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Torres requests feds for improved status for longtime guest workers

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From left, Defense Deputy Assistant Secretary Peter Potochny, U.S. Special Representative and Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Esther Kia'aina, Homeland Security Assistant Secretary Seth Stodder, CNMI Secretary of Public Lands Marianne Teregeyo, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and CNMI Secretary of Labor Edith Deleon Guerrero meet for 902 Consultations in Washington, D.C.

» USCIS issues clarification on 2016 cap

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres urged the White House this week to support improved status for long-term guest workers in the Commonwealth, signaling a shift in position and an official endorsement for the granting of permanent lawful residency for many of these foreign workers who call the CNMI their home, *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

Torres made the request during the first round of "Section 902" talks between federal and local officials in the nation's capitol.

The request was also formalized in a position paper finalized and presented to these officials in Washington, D.C., in which Torres made, among other short-term solutions, a long-term recommendation that

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HSI Task Force officer testifies about alleged scheme by Tydingco couple

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Homeland Security Investigations Task Force officer Jesse Dubrall testified yesterday in federal court how Francisco M. Tydingco and Lili Zhang Tydingco allegedly engaged in a scheme in harboring two illegal aliens.

Dubrall, a police officer, is the agent in charge in the case against the Tydingcos who are on trial for two counts of harboring illegal alien.

After Dubrall completed his testimony, assistant U.S. attorney Russell H. Lorfing then called to the witness stand U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officer Trisha Aguon, and

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Arts council loses federal funding anew

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» Hunter: NEA inspector general not satisfied with management

The National Endowment for the Arts has reiterated its stand that the local arts council is ineligible for funding the from the national body up through 2018, apparently because, among other things, the council submitted its grant application using the wrong form, and because of ongoing concerns with the council's management, according to a NEA a letter to the Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last month.

The May 11 letter, copies of which we obtained by *Saipan Tribune* this week, responds to a March 2016 letter from Torres where the governor expressed commitment that that he and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs new secretary, Robert Hunter, would be seeking qualified management to run the arts agency, or the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.

The May 11 letter also appears to signal Torres' desire that a new executive director for the council be found.

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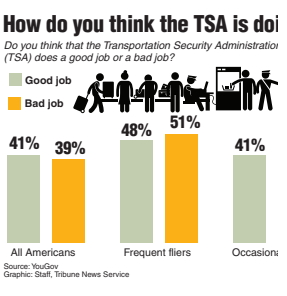

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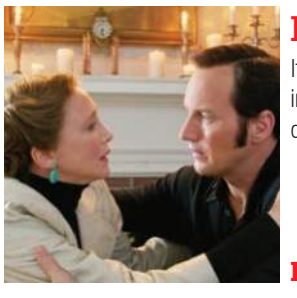

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Local

Alingano Maisu crewmembers, along with some CNMI delegates, wave to the crowd after leaving Saipan in this file photo taken last May 19 to attend the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts in Guam.

JON PEREZ

Maisu's crew thanks warm Saipan welcome

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Traditional master navigator Sesario Sewralur and the entire crew of the *Alingano Maisu* left Saipan last Monday filled with memories of the warm hospitality they received on the island and in Guam.

Sewralur and his crew, in a letter sent through email, thanked all the people of Saipan who came out to welcome them and support them the in their more than two week stay after their journey from Palau and the few days they spent after the FestPac.

"[We were] excited when we arrived on Saipan in the early morning of May 7. After 54 days of voyaging we were looking forward to hot showers, fried chicken, ice water, and vegetables. But we had no idea what kind of welcome awaited us," said Sewralur.

He said that they felt the warmth and caring of almost everyone they meet on the island. "Over the past few weeks, friends, relatives, and people we never met before offered us food and places to shower and sleep."

Sewralur, who learned the art of traditional navigation from his father Pius Mau Piailug, added that their stay on Saipan was like an everyday celebration.

"When we wake up, you were there making soup and eating breakfast with us. You came down to the Carolinian Affairs Office and to the Utt to ask questions and play music late into the night. You showed us around your island and reminded us of our shared history."

They even felt the people of the CNMI were one with them in mourning the death of Murais Sebangol. The Palauan traditional navigation student died of asphyxia due to drowning in Guam in the early morning of May 22, a few minutes before the traditional welcoming of seafarers ceremony in Agana Bay. "And when we lost one of our own, you mourned with us."

Sewralur said they left Saipan, their second home. "As voyagers, when we set sail we left our home. This trip has taught us that as we voyage we also arrive to one another."

"Your enthusiasm and generosity helps remind us why we voyage and how important traditional navigation is to Micronesia. Saipan will always be a home for us," Sewralur added.

As a gesture of goodwill, the *Maisu*'s crew gave a traditional voyaging canoe—the *Makali'i*—to the community before they left.

The *Maisu* is a double-hulled voyaging canoe that traveled for 54 days from Koror in Palau to Saipan, including several stops in six islands scattered in Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia to pick up some supplies.

Sewralur and his crew made the close to two-month journey—with stops in Ngulu Atoll, Woleai, Ifaluk, Elato, Lamotrek, and Satawal—to attend the 12th Festival of the Pacific Arts held from May 22 to June 4 in Guam.

Aside from the late Sebangol, 7-year-old Dylan—Sewralur's son—Rodney Kazuma of Palau, Satawal's Miano Sowraenpiy and Albno Esoailug, Norman Tawelimai of Ifalik, American Aylie Baker, and Japanese Kazuyo Hayashi and Osamu Kasuge were part of the crew.

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Not all schoolwork for MBA's Chua

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Delaney Kyle Ycoy Chua's years at Marianas Baptist Academy is not all about schoolwork. The 16-year-old is also into extracurricular activities to break from the everyday student life that revolves around assignments and school projects.

Chua, this year's valedictorian of MBA's 2016 senior class, said he always had a lot of fun playing basketball—whether in practice, scrimmages, or league games—which is also one of his stress reliever. He was also member of MBA's Student Council and the Yearbook committee.

He also considers being part of MBA's men's basketball team, the Stormz, as one of his greatest achievement in school aside from the numerous academic awards he earned. The team regularly plays half court games with new students or with their other classmates.

"Reaching the championship game [in the Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association] with my friends is one of my proudest achievements. Unlike schoolwork, basketball requires teamwork," said Chua, who studied at an early age and was accelerated from 5th to 7th grade.

He said playing pick-up games with other students made the team better and that helped them reach the finals this year where they eventually lost to Mt. Carmel School. He also received an All-League Selection certification from COPSA.

"When we joined the tournament, we celebrated like we won the NBA Finals after every single game. It was amazing how far we reached and won second place, given that more than half the team never played competitive basketball before," Chua added.

He also spends some time hanging out with friends before studying and preparing for class the next day. The memorable experiences weren't from studying, but by having fun with friends. As a senior, I get lots of free time between classes."

"With that, I often talked and collaborated with friends on projects. and going off campus to eat. After that, I would go home and do work or go out again with my friends. My schedule always seemed packed back then, but that is what made it fun and memorable."

The middle child of Celso and Nancy Chua received numerous academic awards including a gold medal in the CNMI MathCourt competition. He also received the top honors in AP calculus, physics, AP Japanese, AP Literature, and composition subjects in his senior year.

Chua, who has two brothers Cloency Zuriel and Deancey Adriel, said he wasn't sure if he would finish atop of his class but he already had an idea because of his report cards based on a near perfect GPA and receiving awards in most of the subjects.

Now, he's preparing to enter college where he plans to take up engineering at University of Rochester in New York. Although still undecided on what specific branch of engineering to take, he said UR was a decent pick since it is ranked among the Top 25 new Ivy League Schools by *Newsweek* in 2006.

"It was an impressive school academically and I wanted to go live in the city after all my years on Saipan. It was also great financially because of the scholarship which exceeds the cost of tuition. Also, it wouldn't be as stressful as it would be if I'm attending a top college," Chua said.

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Delaney Kyle Ycoy Chua is the youngest in Marianas Baptist Academy's graduating senior class. The 16-year-old finished as the valedictorian.

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these workers—some who have lived and worked in the Commonwealth from five to 30 years—be granted a "permanent status," *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday.

That request for status was not included in earlier drafts of the position paper but was finalized after further discussion among officials of the 902 team in the nation's capitol this week, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Saipan Tribune learned that the position paper touted a Department of Interior report in 2010 in which the Interior submitted a report recommending to Congress that it explore various options—like the conferral of U.S. citizenship to alien workers, and the granting of permanent resident status to workers that had resided in the CNMI for a minimum of five years, among other options—in order to grant some kind of lawful permanent residency for foreign workers.

Saipan Tribune learned that the position paper—which detailed the CNMI's economic plight, recovery, and need for these workers to continue revenue growth—suggested that permanent status would help alleviate the adverse effects of what Congress promised it would minimize in passing the law that effected the federal takeover of local immigration and mandated an end to a the contract worker program, which expires in 2019.

More meetings

Following the 902 talks, Torres also met with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Leon Rodriguez to discuss, among others, the forced departure of long term guest workers who will not be able to renew due to the numerical limitation on contract worker permits being reached this fiscal year.

"Guest workers in the CNMI have played a crucial role in the development of the CNMI. Due to administrative policies regarding the processing of permits, many who have called the CNMI home for decades, some who have us citizen children, will be forced to leave in a unreasonable period of 10 days," Torres said in a statement.

"How do you uproot the life you have built throughout 20 years, in 10 days? There are serious humanitarian concerns involved here and I am doing what I can to make all federal officials I meet aware of this," he said.

Torres also met with U.S Sens. Lisa Murkowski, Brian Schatz, and Maria Cantwell along with Rep. Rob Bishop, and Minority Whip Rep. Steny Hoyer to discuss the importance of providing immediate relief to contract workers in the CNMI and the need for long-term remedies for the CNMI labor force.

USCIS clarification on cap

As this developed, USCIS issued a notice to "clarify" that although extension of stay petitions for current CW-1 workers are counted toward the CW-1 cap, these petitions will be accepted under certain circumstances.

USCIS explained that all CW-1 workers are subject to the cap unless the worker has already been counted toward the cap in the same fiscal year. The U.S. government's fiscal year begins on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30.

If CW-1 workers were already counted toward the CW-1 cap for FY 2016, meaning that their previous employment start date was on or after Oct. 1, 2015, then their employer can file a petition to change employers or extend CW-1 status in FY 2016, even though the FY 2016 CW-1 cap was reached on May 5, 2016, USCIS said.

"Additionally, we are currently accepting CW-1 petitions requesting an employment start date on or after Oct. 1, 2016, which are counted toward the FY 2017 CW-1 cap," it said. "We encourage CW-1 employers to file a petition for a CW-1 nonimmigrant worker up to six months in advance of the proposed employment start date, and as early as possible within that timeframe. We will reject a petition if it is filed more than six months in advance."

What does this mean for the estimated 1,300 affected workers who will have to leave the CNMI through October? Apparently, nothing much.

"The clarification does not change anything we have already known," immigration lawyer Nelson Xu told *Saipan Tribune*.

"For those who failed to be included in the FY 2016 cap, their new start day must be after Oct. 1, 2016 for the FY 2017 cap. They have to depart if the expiration date is before Oct. 1, 2016. For those who have been counted toward the FY 2016, they can still change employer or file extension," he said.

HSI

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HSI special agent Michael Lansangan. Lansangan is expected to resume his testimony today, Thursday, at 8am.

Dubrall testified that he was the co-case agent in the case, but became the case agent when the original case agent left.

Dubrall said their investigation showed that the Tydingco family traveled to China in September 2013 and returned to Saipan on the same month with a 10-year-old Chinese girl.

Shown the girl's passport and CBP I-94 Form, the Task Force officer said the girl is a Chinese national who arrived on Saipan on Sept. 26, 2013 and was paroled into the U.S. until Nov. 4, 2013.

Dubrall said the girl was only allowed to stay in the CNMI or U.S. for 45 days and was supposed to leave the CNMI or U.S. after Nov. 4, 2013.

Shown the girl's passport, Dubrall said the passport was issued in China on Aug. 13, 2013, or less than a month prior to her arrival on Saipan.

Dubrall said the passports and the Customs declaration showed that the child arrived on Saipan at the same time with the Tydingco family.

He said upon arrival on the island, the Tydingco family and the child all proceeded to the couple's residence in Dandan.

Dubrall said two weeks after their arrival, the couple enrolled the girl at Dandan Elementary School as shown by school records and a statement by Lili Tydingco.

Dubrall said school records also indicate that the Tydingcos were listed as parents/guardian for the child.

He said a map from a school record shows that the child was residing at Tydingcos' residence.

He said in another section of the school's registration form, Francisco Tydingco was listed as the uncle of the child.

Dubrall said a letter of authorization document shows that the Tydingcos will serve as legal guardians for the child until her adulthood.

Dubrall said the child stopped living with the couple on Feb. 19, 2015.

On that day, the Division of Youth Services removed the child from the home of the Tydingcos.

Dubrall said he and another HSI special agent interviewed Lili Tydingco on Oct. 1, 2015, where she was advised of her Miranda or constitutional rights.

In that interview, Lili Tydingco admitted that she traveled to China in September 2013 and came back to Saipan with the child, who is her friend's daughter.

Dubrall said according to Lili Tydingco she brought the child to Saipan to get a U.S. education because education in China was bad.

Dubrall said Lili Tydingco also stated that the parents agreed to pay her $100 per month to cover daily expenses for the child.

After four or five months, Lili Tydingco asked the parents to pay her $120 per month because the $100 was not enough to cover the expenses.

Dubrall said it was agreed that the parents would pay Lili Tydingco's mother in China.

Dubrall admitted that they don't have bank records from China showing that the parents indeed paid Lili Tydingo's mother.

He said Lili Tydingco admitted that the child stayed with them for a total of one and a half years and that during that time, she was enrolled in public school.

Dubrall said Rongxue Liu, the child's purported uncle, arrived on Saipan on July 25, 2014, and was supposed to leave the CNMI or U.S. on Aug. 7, 2014.

He said Lili Tydingco stated that Liu traveled to Saipan and stayed with them for several days.

Liu was also interviewed by HSI agents in June 2015, in which he disclosed that he arrived on the island on July 25, 2014 and was picked up by Francisco Tydingco.

After arriving on the island, Liu said he paid Lili Tydingco $7,000 to arrange for him to marry a U.S. citizen.

During cross-examination by defense attorney Bruce Berline, counsel for Lili Tydingco, Dubrall admitted that their non-custodial interview with Lili Tydingco was not recorded.

Dubrall also agreed with Berline that Lili Tydingco's statement was not verbatim as it was an HSI agent who wrote it using a summary of Lili Tydingo's statement during the interview.

The Task Force officer also agreed with Berline that he did not call Lili Tydingco's mother in China to verify if she got payment from the girl's parents.

On re-direct examination by Lorfing, Dubrall said Lili Tydingco was asked to review her "summarized statement" and that she signed the document.

CBP officer Trisha Aguon testified as to the date when the Tydingcos and the child entered Saipan from Pusan, South Korea. She also testified as to the date when Liu arrived on Saipan.

Aguon explained, among other things, the CNMI visa-waiver program.

Aguon stated the dates as to when the child and Liu were supposed to leave the CNMI or the U.S.

HSI special agent Lansangan testified that neither the child nor Liu were lawfully present in the U.S. or the CNMI during the time that they were staying with the defendants' house.

Lansangan said Liu was not given parole status, but only a deferred action, which authorized him to get temporary employment for a year.

Lansangan said Liu was given deferred action because the U.S. government needs his testimony in this case.

Attorney Benjamin Petersburg is co-counsel of Berline for Lili Tydingco. Defense attorney Steven Pixley is counsel for Francisco Tydingco.

ARTS

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However, while NEA says they appreciate the steps Torres' office has taken in recent months, their decision on the eligibility of CCAC to apply for funding still stands.

"CCAC is ineligible through Jan. 22, 2018," said Winona H. Varnon, deputy chairman for management and budget and audit follow-up official, in the two-page letter to Torres.

Varnon explains they had received a "final descriptive report" on grant activities for its "partnership agreement grant," but that the form that was completed was for not partnership agreements.

"It was for NEA grants issued to nonprofit organizations for their art projects," Varnon said, providing a correct link the form.

"We look forward to receiving the correct final report to meet the requirement outlined in item 2 in our Jan. 22 2015 letter to Secretary Ogumoro (Laura Ogumoro, former DCCA secretary), and reiterated in our March 10, 2016 letter to you."

About $3M lost

This is the second time CCAC's NEA funds have been lost.

The first time, in 2007, ended up seeing the CCAC ineligible for seven years.

Hunter told *Saipan Tribune* that the amount of direct funding lost over the course of the two periods of ineligibility—the first seven years and the second three years—and the year of eligibility in between that saw the benefit of only a portion of the grant funding—may total upwards of $3 million.

"The total dollar loss is likely greater than that when taking into consideration the loss of the promotional benefits of activities, and peripheral income generated through car and room rentals and sales by visitors and participants who travel here to attend certain events," Hunter said in an email.

"Equally important is the loss of cultural, preservation and educational opportunities, and the direct loss of income to artists," he added.

Need for new management

The NEA, in the May 11 letter, signaled its expectation that new management be found for the art agency, which Hunter separately confirmed as concern cited by the NEA and its inspector general, in his email.

In the letter, Varnon quotes Torres's March 28 letter, where the governor wrote: "we will impress upon the [CCAC] board the necessity of providing a new executive director with the necessary flexibility to asses current staffing and to employ where necessary, qualified and experienced individuals."

"Upon resentment of CCAC," Varnon went on to say, "we expect to receive specific information concerning the new management structure at CCAC including staff names, titles, and responsibilities." The current executive director for CCAC is Angel Hocog.

"Not having seen the May 11 correspondence yet, and wanting to avoid discussing specific personnel issues," Hunter said, "I can say in general terms, that we are working to meet all of the requirements that have been set forth by the NEA and its Inspector General, which includes the submission of complete reports and will address the management issues." CCAC falls under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Hunter disclosed they had received another letter, from the NEA Inspector General, where the IG asked, among others, that they provide names of new management "if they are in place, or when they are in place."

"Right now, the NEA and especially their Inspector General, are not confident that federal funds will be properly managed by the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture (CCAC)," Hunter said. "A finding was made by the Inspector General, which was concurred by NEA officials, that the CCAC be ineligible to receive grants from the NEA through January 2018," Hunter said.

PROBLEM IS IN THE PIPES:

'RO system not the solution to Saipan water woes'

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Contrary to recent recommendations made to the CNMI government and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality believes that Saipan has enough water at its current source and a reverse osmosis water treatment plant is not the solution to the lack of 24-hour water service on the island.

In an interview, BECQ administrator Frank Rabauliman told *Saipan Tribune* that he doesn't believe that building an RO system is the right solution to Saipan's water problem.

"I don't believe that the reverse osmosis is the right fix, right solution. Simply because, the issue about not enough water in the pipes, that's very true, but there's not enough water in the pipes because there are massive leaks all over the place," Rabauliman said.

BECQ, with its divisions Coastal Resources Management and Environmental Quality, oversees CUC, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission.

Rabauliman stressed that Saipan has the source, and the current source, which is the aquifer underground, is enough.

"There is no data to tell us otherwise," Rabauliman said.

"The source is not the problem, we have enough water supply. It's really pumping in the water from the source, into the pipe, and losing 70 percent of that before it even gets into the…it wouldn't matter if you put in five RO systems putting it on the same pipe if you will still lose 70 percent of it. It doesn't make sense," he added.

An RO system uses pressure and a semi-permeable membrane to filter or desalinate, demineralize or deionize water from a source, usually seawater, converting it to drinking water.

Fix the leaks

For Rabauliman, fixing the existing pipes first would be a more worthwhile endeavor.

"Even if you were to pump in more water through RO, you will just lose all that volume of water in those leaks so the right approach I believe is to address the leaks. And I believe the water task force during its time did a very robust approach on trying to identify these leaks. So, leaks and changing out of those meters, put in the meters that work," Rabauliman said.

"If they fix that, I am a firm believer that we will address that issue of shortage of water," he added.

Asked what if new pipes will be built along with the RO, Rabauliman said it is still better to focus on the pipes first.

"RO is not a cheap undertaking, so as changing all the pipes. I would think that you would want to change first the pipes if you have the funding for that, the capital," Rabauliman said.

He added that CUC needs to fill the top positions in the corporation that has been vacant for some time now.

"All of those from my perspective are what's happening in the front lines. It's what CUC is supposed to be doing. What CUC needs is the support, CUC needs the executive director that has been vacant for the longest time. CUC needs to fill those positions so that those administrators, managers, can direct the folks in the front line in pursuing those illegal tapping, pursuing those leaks that siphoning out all the water out," Rabauliman said.

The BECQ administrator said he is not sure if studies have been made regarding implementing an RO system on Saipan.

Rabauliman made BECQ's opinions known to the administration especially after gathering that only some 30 percent of CUC's produced water is "billable" or goes through the pipes to the customers while the "70 percent is going somewhere else."

"I had to bring that up to the administration," Rabauliman said.

"In fact I shared my thoughts with the administration that from BECQ's perspective, we don't believe that an RO is necessary but rather, we need to focus more on leak detection, and identifying those illegal tapping," he added.

Talks of building an RO system has been in the buzz since CUC asked the administration to declare a water emergency on Saipan.

Earlier last month, in a meeting initiated by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, businessman Robert Toelkes proposed establishing a public-to-public partnership agreement to build a $160-million RO water treatment plant.

In his presentation, Toelkes said that a six million gallon per day RO plant was the immediate solution to the water problem in Saipan.

The administration has earlier expressed their desire to build such a system on Saipan while CUC also views the project as the solution to the water woes of their old system.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NOTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: June 08, 2016

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) proposed 2016 Annual Catch Limits (ACL) and Accountability Measures (AM) for bottomfish, crustacean, precious coral, and coral reef ecosystem management unit species (MUS) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). Federal regulations implementing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Mariana Archipelago require NMFS to specify ACLs and AMs every year based on recommendations from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council. The proposed ACLs and AMs for all MUS are identical to those NMFS specified for the 2015 fishing year.

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a coastal state's federally approved coastal management plan.

More information on the NMFS Proposed ACL and AM for 2016 and the federal consistency determination request can be found at DCRM's website: http://ow.ly/pU5t300ZxC5

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's coastal management program can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp.

This public notice has been published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. DCRM is soliciting public comments for thirty (30) days, starting on June 08, 2016 and ending on July 08, 2016 in order to give the public a sufficient opportunity to develop and provide comments on whether the proposed project is consistent with management program enforceable policies and still allow DCRM to issue its concurrence or objection within the sixty (60) day response period. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

Customs trainee gets time served for domestic violence

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday imposed a four-day prison term on a Customs trainee who struck his girlfriend in the face shortly after an argument at his residence on Saipan.

Joaquin Castro Fleming, 23, pleaded guilty to the offense of assault and battery (domestic violence).

Camacho granted Fleming's guilty plea and sentenced him to one-year imprisonment, all suspended except four days.

Fleming was given credit for time served of four days. It means that he will no longer serve time in prison.

Fleming was placed on supervised probation for one year. He was ordered to pay a $500 fine, $100 in probation fee, and $25 in court costs.

Camacho ordered the defendant to attend alcohol counseling and batterer's intervention as recommended by the Adult Probation Office.

He required Fleming to enroll and complete any additional counseling recommended by Adult Probation Office, including anger management counseling.

During the probationary period, Fleming is prohibited from consuming any alcoholic beverages or any illegal substances.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, Fleming struck his girlfriend in the face on March 9, 2016.

Police said according to the victim, she and Fleming argued, then he tickled her to the point of hurting her. He then slapped her repeatedly in the face. She suffered bruises on the left shoulder and left ear. She did not require any medical treatment.

At the change of plea yesterday, the victim addressed the court and requested a no stay away order from her. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Drunken man allegedly smashes glass with whiskey on girlfriend's face

A 57-year-old intoxicated man was arrested for allegedly degrading his girlfriend and then smashing a glass of whiskey on her face and injuring her during a farewell party with their friends at a house in Dandan last Sunday night.

Chi Kwang Liu was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

The victim was taken to the Commonwealth Health Center after she suffered an inch-long laceration below her left eye that required seven stitches to close. The bridge of her nose was also fractured, police said.

At a hearing on Tuesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho imposed a $6,250 cash bail and set the preliminary hearing for June 13 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Charity Hodson was appointed as counsel for Liu. Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Police Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Liu and his girlfriend attended their friend's farewell party at the latter's residence in Dandan on Sunday.

After Liu got drunk with whiskey he started degrading his girlfriend in front of their friends. He shouted at her that he was going to cancel her CW permit and kick her out of his house.

Liu also degraded his girlfriend's mother, who was not on island.

The girlfriend got angry and splashed the water with ice in her glass cup at Liu's face. Liu got upset and threw his glass cup half filled with whiskey at her face.

The glass cup shattered on his girlfriend's face, causing her to feel dizzy. She then called 911 to report the incident.

A responding police officer called for medics as the victim's face was bleeding profusely.

Police then arrested Liu. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

HS graduates urged to attend Cash for College Workshop on June 18

Northern Marianas College is asking parents of recent high school graduates to encourage their son or daughter to take advantage of the services offered at the Cash for College workshop set for June 18, 2016

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents to maximize scholarship opportunities that are available for those seeking a college education at NMC or at other postsecondary institutions. Many students who have attended previous Cash for College workshops are now receiving thousands of dollars to advance their education.

The free workshop will be held on June 18, 2016, Saturday, at Building A at NMC's As Terlaje campus. It is open to anyone in the community who would like assistance in finding money for college—whether they are recent high school graduates or not. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), at least three official transcripts, signed 2015 1040 tax form (2015 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, Voters Certification, etc.)

The Cash for College workshop is made possible by the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from underrepresented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, visit marianas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. ***(PR)***

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Remengesau to visit constituents in CNMI

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Incumbent Palau President Thomas Esang "Tommy" Remengesau Jr. is due to arrive on Saipan on June 26 to meet with his constituents living in diaspora. The meeting is set on the same day at 6pm at the Chamolinian Utt in Garapan.

Remengasau's visit is in connection to the upcoming presidential elections where he is running for reelection against Sens. Sandra Pierantozzi and Surangel Whipps Jr.

The election primary is set on Sept. 27 with the Top 2 candidates facing off in the general election on Nov. 1.

There are more than 1,000 Palauan nationals living and working in the CNMI, 500 of whom are registered voters, according to the Palau Consulate Office.

Remengesau became Palau's sixth president who was elected twice, first from 2001 to 2009 and then 2013 to the present. His father, Thomas Sr., twice served as Palau's president in 1985 and from 1988 to 1989.

Pierantozzi served as Palau's vice oresident from 2001 to 2005 and lost her reelection bid to former Justice minister Elias Camsek Chin. She also held ministerial positions in Finance and Health before being elected to serve the vacant seat of the late Sen. Kath Kesolei.

She ran in the 2012 primaries against Remengesau and then re-electionist Johnson Toribiong where she placed third with 1,690 votes. Remengesau garnered 4,617 while Toribiong had 3,100.

Whipps Jr., whose father served as Palau's Senate President from 2007 to 2009, was elected to the 8th Palau National Congress (Olbiil era Kelulau) in 2008 as a write-in candidate. He is Palau's honorary consul to Korea since 1996.

Koror State Gov. Yositaka Adachi, who will be running for vice president, will also visit the Palauan community on Saipan on July 9.

Aileen Kintol of the Palau Consulate Office said registered voters can now request for their absentee ballots ahead of the September primary and the November general elections.

The Palau Consulate is located at the Sablan Building in Chalan Piao. For more information, call Kintol at 285-7538.

Mystery lovers to enjoy new books at JKPL

Readers who enjoy mystery and suspense will enjoy the latest books at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. A total of 476 new items, from books to magazines and AV2, have been added to JKPL's collection that caters to the young and old.

Revenge of the Lawn Gnomes and *The Haunted Mask*, from the Goosebumps series of author R.L. Stine, and *The Campfire Collection: Spine-tingling Tales to Tell in the Dark*—will surely be a hit to juveniles and young adults.

Adults who are also into mystery will love *Easter Island: Land of Mysteries* by Peggy Mann and *Hawaii Island Legends*, which tells of stories and other folklore of Hawaii.

For those who like novels, there's *Brothers in Blood*, *Cataract City*, and the *Painted Lady*, while other books are *The Power of Positive Thinking*, *Does Stress Damage the Brain*?, and *Total Heart Rate Training*.

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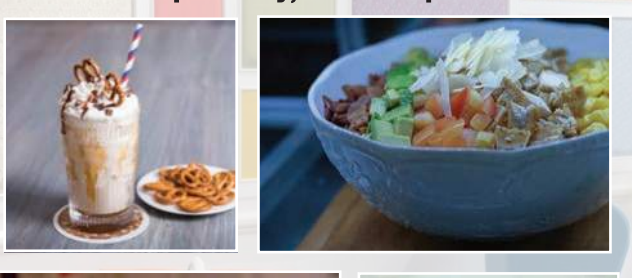

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. has signified its support to the Million Dollar Scholars of Kagman High School by donating $1,000. In this photo, BSI Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geralyn Dela Cruz, second right, presents the donation to KHS Million Dollar Scholars club adviser Gerard Van Gills, second left, who was joined by KHS student and Million Dollar Scholar club member Fatimah Skylar Acosta Blake, left, and Lilly Jane Bautista, KHS valedictorian and club member.

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Appeal of woman convicted of striking common-law husband with car heard

The CNMI Supreme Court placed under advisement the appeal of a woman from her conviction and 10-year prison sentence for striking with a car her then-common law husband after their fight in March 2012.

Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Associate Justice John A. Manglona, and Associate Justice Pro Tem Joseph N. Camacho presided over the hearing in Carmelita M. Guiao's appeal on Tuesday.

Defense attorney Vicente T. Salas argued for Guiao's appeal. Assistant attorney general James M. Zarones, chief of the Office of the Attorney General's Solicitor Division, argued for the government's opposition to the appeal.

The issues presented for review before the high court were whether then-Superior Court associate judge Perry B. Inos erred in not dismissing the case because of the government's violation of the court's "no contact" order and whether Inos erred in allowing the government's witness who was not qualified as an expert witness to testify on matters reserved for experts.

On Aug. 30, 2012, a jury convicted Guiao of one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. Inos convicted her of hit and run, reckless driving, pedestrian's right of way on sidewalk, operators failure to exercise due care, disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt.

In November 2012, Inos sentenced Guiao to 10 years in prison.

Guiao timely appealed. She is incarcerated at the Department of Corrections pending the results of her appeal.

Salas said at trial, John Saimon testified that he had an argument with Guiao on March 11, 2012, and that she accidentally struck him with their car.

Salas said Inos recessed for the day on Aug. 27, 2012, during Saimon's testimony and advised Saimon not to discuss the case with anyone until both direct and cross examination are done.

Salas said during the continuation of Saimon's testimony on Aug. 28, 2012, Guiao raised the issue of the prosecutor interviewing Saimon after he finished testifying on Aug. 27, 2012, in violation of the court's order.

Inos denied Guiao's motion to dismiss the case with prejudice.

Salas said Police Officer Adrian Mendiola testified that he responded to the crash scene that same day as a traffic investigator.

Salas said the prosecutor raised questions regarding Mendiola's training, establishing a foundation to qualify Mendiola as an expert.

Inos instructed the jury that Mendiola has not been endorsed by the court as an expert in traffic.

Mendiola began testifying on the particulars of the traffic accident and reconstruction of the accident scene such as the significance of the skid marks.

Salas said the case should have been declared a mistrial as a result of the prosecutor's unauthorized contact with Saimon in direct violation of the court's "no contact" order.

Salas said the meeting between Saimon and then-assistant attorneys general James McAllister and Shelli Neal was intentionally arranged by the prosecution to contact Saimon in violation of the court's "no contact" order.

Salas said contrary to his testimony, Saimon could not have seen who hit him because he was turned away from the object that hit him and was unconscious at the time of impact.

The defense lawyer said without Saimon's testimony, Mendiola would have to testify as an expert to connect Guiao's car to Saimon's injuries.

Salas said the matter should have been vacated because Saimon, as the primary witness for the prosecution, is irretrievably tainted.

He said what Inos did, in continuing the trial, can never be remedied.

Salas said without Saimon's questionable testimony as a witness to his own accident, the prosecution could not prove its case.

In the government's opposition, Zarones argued that Guiao cannot demonstrate that Inos abused his discretion when he did not declare a mistrial because Guiao did not support her argument with legal authority.

Zarones said Guiao has not demonstrated that Inos abused his discretion when he denied her motion for a mistrial.

Zarones said the evidence was sufficient for a reasonable trier of fact to find that Guiao was guilty beyond all reasonable doubt.

The prosecutor said the evidence in this case overwhelmingly established that Guiao struck Saimon with her vehicle and then ran him over. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Speech team heads to Nationals in Utah

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Student orators who will represent the islands in the annual National Speech and Debate tilt hosted in Utah this year pose for a photo at their showcase last week at Church 360.

Fifteen students from the island's public and private schools will begin their journey to Salt Lake City, Utah today. The students will compete in the annual National Speech and Debate association tournament, which hosts thousands of students from around the globe. Their counterparts under the junior high division will travel to Utah as well to compete in their respective categories later this week.

The high school orators presented their pieces during a showcase last week at Church 360 in Susupe.

For Kagman High School volunteer coach Joylynn Jones it will be the second time training and traveling with the representatives for the week-long competition.

"The majority of the team have attended at least one National Competition previously. I have been told it is the most experienced team the CNMI has ever sent," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "It is very exciting to be a part of this year's team, and I look forward to many students breaking [advancing to the next round] in their respective events!"

The team has been practicing twice a week since the regional competition in April.

For her part, veteran speech competitor Yujin Lee explained that the competition has developed her confidence to speak in front of large crowds.

"I hope to not only improve my speech and acting skills, but also experience life outside of Saipan, learning with a broader view of the world," she added. "…Although I have been on previous trips, each year feels new."

Senior orator Masrur Alam expressed similar sentiments. "My goal for the nationals is to break to the next round for my category, which hasn't been done by the CNMI team ever," he said.

Fellow senior Rebekah Kim noted that she is looking forward to meeting competitors from the diverse pool of students who take part in the competition every year. In her original speech, Kim will address the issue of human trafficking.

"I found it very difficult because my piece dealt with human trafficking issue and I wanted to simultaneously deliver the factual understanding and emotional perspective clearly," she explained. "This led me to research more about news and articles that dealt with this issue and watch documentaries to get a sense of emotion that needed to include for my piece. This year will be my last national competition even though I feel very sad I am confident that I will do my best to deliver an excellent speech."

Marianas High School's Masrur Alam will be vying for the top spot in international extemporaneous speaking, while Mount Carmel School's Thomas Manglona II and Cathryn Javier will compete in Lincoln-Douglas debate and commentary, respectively. Elizabeth Rose Jones from Kagman High School will be competing in humorous interpretation. Grace Christian Academy's Yujin Lee will represent the islands in dramatic interpretation. Northern Marianas Academy's Rebekah Kim is set to compete in original oratory. Saipan Southern High School's Jeremiah Fernandez will be competing in storytelling.

The MHS tandem of Yuuki Nishida and Jayrald Mercene will represent the islands in the duo category. Fellow competitor Ann Margaret Norcio will be competing in United States extemporaneous speaking and Kelvin Wolf for prose reading. Saipan International School's Cerinn Hwang will be traveling for expository, SSHS' Soon Ho Kwon for poetry, and GCA's Minna Ito for impromptu speaking.

Jonelle Toskas from Mt. Carmel School will also travel to the national competition for her win in the regional Chamorro categories.

The students were trained by their coaches from private and public schools: Frank Borja, Filmah Buenaflor, Harold Easton, Ceilia Jang, Joylynn Jones, Dencio Manglona, Grace Duran, and Kodep Uludong.

In a separate interview, CNMI Speech and Debate Association board chair Harold Easton said, "This is one of the most talented teams I have ever seen. If they put together a lot of hard work, they should do very well at nationals. The CNMI will have no problem being proud of this group."

3 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged DPW Channel Bridge, Da-Ichi Drainage, and Grand Hotel and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

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Archie Bunker politics

Who knew that the "Archie Bunker for President" bumper stickers of the 1970s would ever prove so prescient? Donald Trump may be as close to that "All in the Family" character as any Hollywood casting director could ever imagine. His latest attacks on Indiana-born U.S. District Court Judge Gonzalo Curiel of California—that he is incapable of deciding a case involving Trump University fairly because "he's a Mexican"—could have been lifted from the sitcom's script.

Forty-five years ago, Norman Lear created the opinionated loading dock worker from Queens who soon became a TV icon with a multitude of flaws—deeply bigoted and full of malapropisms and ignorance. Was he supposed to be a working class hero or a racist, misogynistic villain? What had been intended as parody may have hit too close to home for those who identified with him, yet, in every episode, the character's views were proven wrong—his bigotry exposed, his preconceptions shown to be unfounded, his anger or hatred misplaced and self-destructive.

We're still waiting for Trump's audience to recognize and condemn the biases of the likely GOP presidential nominee. As if to ensure that his fans don't mistakenly believe his views on judicial diversity were a slip of the tongue, Trump on Sunday told CBS-TV's John Dickerson on "Face The Nation" that a Muslim judge couldn't decide a case involving him either. Trump's logic is, in classic narcissistic fashion, self-interested in the extreme: A judge of Mexican heritage must recuse himself because of the candidate's views on building a wall along the U.S. border, while a Muslim judge couldn't possibly decide a Trump-involved case fairly because the candidate has proposed banning Muslims who aren't U.S. citizens from entering the country.

In other words, Trump looks at a person's race or ethnicity or religion and that's all he sees. He can't imagine that a non-white, non-Christian person could be fair, impartial or judicial given the insults he's hurled. By that line of reasoning, a white judge would not be acceptable either because such a judge would be too sympathetic to Trump.

On how many levels is this insane? How exactly can we assign cases to the federal courts if every judge is regarded as biased based on his or her skin color or religion? It's an argument that's not merely bigoted, it delegitimizes the judiciary. It is, as Trump's fellow iconoclast Newt Gingrich pointed out, "inexcusable" and behavior unworthy of a presidential candidate.

It's time Trump apologizers and enablers stopped applauding him as "telling it like it is" or immune to "political correctness." This isn't some campus debate turned imbroglio because the commencement speaker once invested in large oil companies. This is the Republican Party's presumed nominee for the highest office in the

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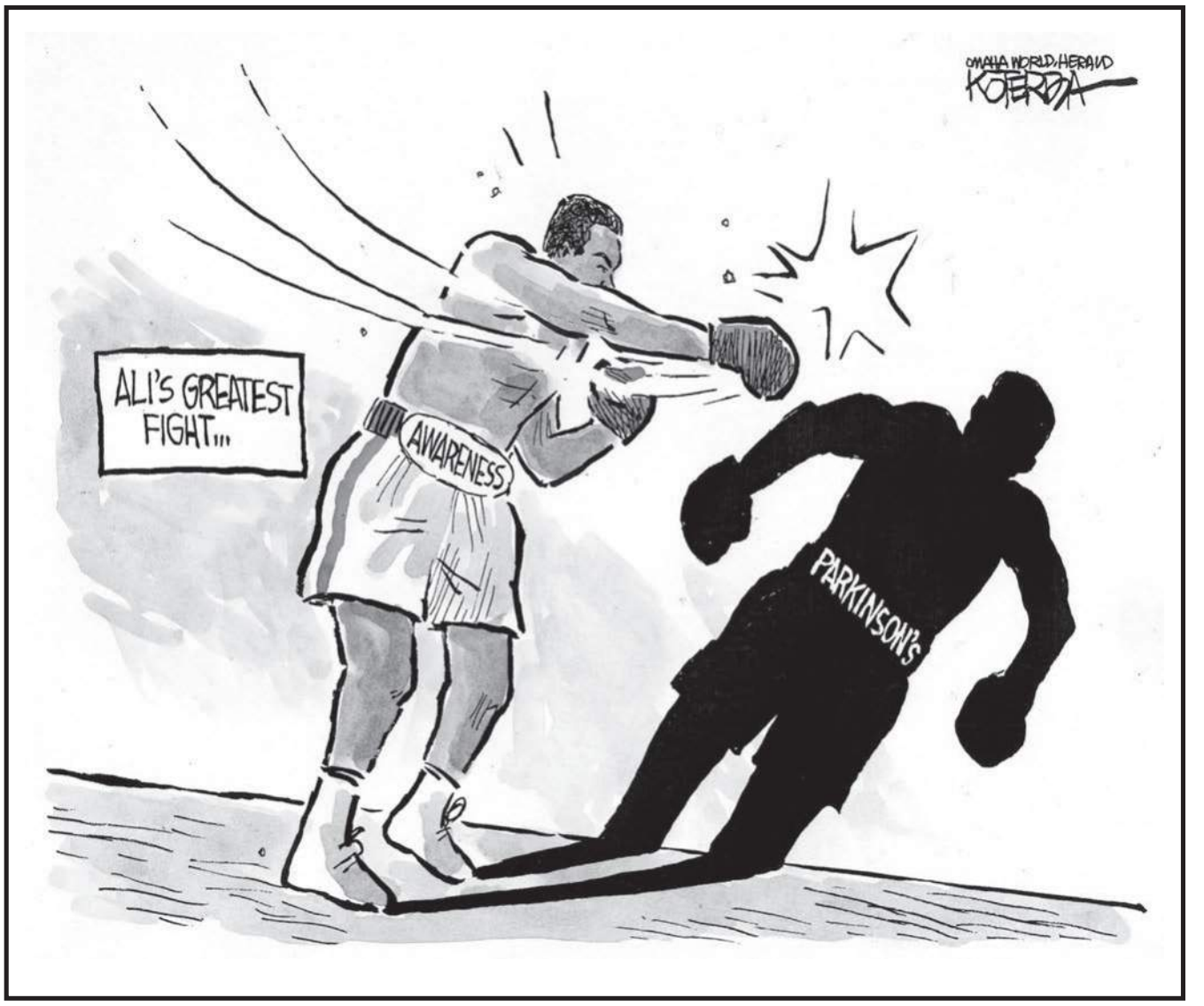

Our 'none of the above' election

By FRANK LUNTZ
Los Angeles Times

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If prior elections were decided by soccer moms, security moms, NASCAR dads, or even "the economy, stupid," the 2016 presidential election will be determined by the NAs—the none of the above voters who have so far refused to support either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump. For them, the election isn't about mere dissatisfaction. It's about rejection.

Comprising about 11 percent of the electorate in the critical swing states, the NAs are unwilling or unable to distinguish between our two wildly different candidates—arguably the most different of any presumptive nominees in modern history. These voters are loud, aggressive and they give me a headache.

But, as a language and communications consultant, I'm listening to them very carefully, because they have become a distinct, determinative force in politics. I've heard them out in two dozen televised focus groups for CBS and Fox News, and in surveys for Fortune 500 companies. Anger doesn't begin to describe their personal outlook. Betrayal does.

They straddle both sides of the ideological spectrum. For them, daily life is about "no": no economic security, no faith in the future, no trust in their elected officials, and no love, like or even tolerance for either of the presidential candidates thrust upon them.

They're pessimistic. Only 36 percent of NAs believe America's best days are ahead of us, compared with 51 percent of the country overall. Almost two-thirds (64 percent) think life in America will get worse over the next five years, compared with 44 percent overall. And 59 percent expect their kids to be worse off than them, compared with 45 percent of all voters.

This is not just a pre-election funk. This is deep depression, seared into their subconscious. After 10 years of failures by Washington, Wall Street and the parties they used to (somewhat) trust. For them, life is about survival, nothing more and nothing less.

They're not the "low information" voters that conservative talk radio scorns. What they are is dark. They see a stormy future for themselves, they blame America's biggest institutions for the American peoples' troubles, and they trust almost no one. Especially not the parties' prospective nominees.

Moreover, these are not conventional "swing voters" shifting from side to side depending on the latest headlines. Many have voted solidly Democratic or Republican all their lives. But this time, with these two candidates, they're finally saying no.

Two-thirds of the NA voters are women and more than a quarter are under age 30, compared with 18 percent of the electorate. Moreover, nearly two-thirds say they "live paycheck to paycheck, working really hard just to get by." These are struggling working class voters, the staple of the Democratic Party.

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Politically, they look more favorably on the Republicans. Just under half (49 percent) voted for Romney in 2012, while only 36 percent supported Obama—and they embrace conservatism over liberalism by better than 2 to 1 (45 percent to 21 percent).

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Some NAs will break with tradition and not vote in November. Those who do will pick a side based on their answer to a simple yet profound question: "Whom do I distrust the least?" That's because they are not focused on policy or even principle, they are focused on personal candidate attributes, with honesty and integrity at the very top of their lists. And on these essential qualities, both candidates are in trouble.

In a survey I conducted last month, participants were given nine common criticisms of Clinton and asked to choose three that they were personally most concerned about. The top answer for NAs, by far: "she's not trustworthy," followed by a "lack of accountability." They respect her experience, but being credentialed is different than being credible. The latter is far more important to the American people in general and the NA voter in particular.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Basketball food for thought

If you know anyone who either played for Ali'i Blue Haus or watched from the bleachers during this past Saturday's 2016 Island-Wide Men's Basketball League Championship, feel free to spit in their face (on second thought, no—it's a felony) and express your anger at how they blemished and embarrassed Filipinos island-wide and offended the rest of this community. What a setback for all Filipinos here. The players and spectators were neither of championship stock nor people acting as adults in America! Not to shake the hands of the opposing team in friendship and congratulations; nor the hands of each referee and table official for a hard job well done; nor the coaches to shake hands in appreciation but, instead, for all to walk out without even accepting your trophies wasn't a noble "statement" of any kind. But it was a clear indication of poor sportsmanship, gross immaturity, and disrespect to your host state and country. It is not allowed on the elementary school playgrounds of American and there's no place for it on the basketball courts of Saipan.

So let's review a few of the basics: The first whistle and toss of the ball denotes the start of play. It does not indicate the start of spectator complaints and cursing. If you were paying attention, you'd have noticed that the opposing team's spectators across the court—spouses, parents, and children—were not behaving badly like you. In the U.S., this game is played under the FIBA international rules of basketball. This applies to all of the CNMI and every game played on every public court. Not your make-believe rules! The rules of basketball are like the rules of international boxing—the participants learn them first. The rules are like the boxing ring: You won't see Manny Pacguiao urging his opponent to join him outside the ring (rules) to box nor does he straddle the ring (rules) when fighting. The team's coach, in this instance, has probably never even read the FIBA rules nor owns a copy of them to reference. Knucklehead!

You're (those present Saturday evening) are not stupid but you are ignorant. I'm ignorant of how to perform any type of heart surgery. But if I was pressed to perform heart surgery, you can be damn sure that I would study hard! Ignorance is not your problem. Your problem is that you're unwilling to learn (prove me wrong over the next 12 months).

The game of basketball pivots on three issues: (1) Knowledge of the FIBA international rules of basketball then volunteering to follow them (professional boxers recommit to the rules of boxing at the beginning of every match), (2) developing and improving the necessary personal skills, and (3) learning to play as a team. You've failed in the first—both players and spectators alike. You've been coasting with regards to your individual skill levels. And "play as a team"?—many of you still think that basketball is an individual sport like track & field or swimming. In fact, it is a team sport not the individual efforts of five people wearing the same jersey.

What's the "job" of a spectator? It is only to watch. But if you are a team supporter, then your job is to encourage and congratulate good play of both the teams' efforts and those efforts of specific players on your team. When an individual on your team violates the rules, this is when you close your mouth and let the referees do their job. If you want to say something negative, then by all means, do so after the game has ended and unload on your team. The other team's coach will look after his own team. No sense your meddling there when you're having difficulty managing yourselves and your team. As for the refs: The only words they should ever hear from you are "thank you."

By the way: Faking that you've been the target of a foul (flopping) ended in elementary school in America. Get your drama on TV. Don't bring it to the court. If you have to drink before you play, you don't deserve to be allowed on the courts here. Stay away—you only invite trouble. And Blue Haus: You're wrong in supporting this team and in rewarding them by paying for their beer, even after the game. Find another team to sponsor that reflects positively on the game of basketball and you/your business. And let me remind Saturday's players and spectators of something that you do know: Gambling on a basketball game in America is illegal. And throwing a game, buddy, is in poor form not to mention illegal as well no matter how much money you made.

You're described as "efficient but not effective." Congratulations! You know how to bounce a ball! Everyone would have more fun if you learned the rules, developed the skills, played as a team, and, spectators, you did your part, your "job."

But it looks like you won't have the chance in this league during the coming year. That's the word on the grapevine. You've had all season to learn these lessons but have chosen not to...for years. Do you think this nonsense goes unnoticed? Do you think that other's patience and tolerance goes on forever? Not when you're unteachable. You are an embarrassment to your people.

This letter doesn't warrant a reply. Save it for another time. But it does call for an official apology from your team and those representing your spectators to the opposing team, the referees, the table officials, and NMSA staff. And it calls for a promise to these same people that you will never behave in this way again if and when you're ever allowed to return to the court. You've tried to be cleaver in the past. Maybe it's time to learn to be wise.

Gary Liddle
Via email

Stories of a business owner and guest worker

Let me tell you the stories of my two friends who are both in Saipan. One owns a business and the other one is a guest worker from the Philippines. As a business policy, my businessman friend is not hiring CW workers. They just hire U.S. citizens. He told me that the reason is because he has heard about the challenges of processing new CW and even the renewal of CW visa. He doesn't want to have to go through any of those.

I saw him again recently. He is already on his second year of doing business in CNMI. The good news is that his business is doing great and by now, he has already a number of customers who come to his establishment regularly. The bad news is that he cannot have enough workers. They are always short of staff. When they had to terminate several staff because of serious wrongdoing, the remaining workers had to work double shift just to make sure their establishment remains open. They tried to hire but only a few people applied and most of them were not willing to work the night shift. This month, one of their managers quit to go back to U.S. mainland. My friend placed a sizable ad in the two local newspapers but nobody applied. He is struggling to find workers. The workers he has now are Filipinos, Nepalese, and Chinese who became U.S. citizens and only few locals.

My other friend came to Saipan more than 20 years ago along with her elder sister. Just like the other guest workers who have been in CNMI that long, this place became their home. A few years ago, the elder sister had to go back to the Philippines because her CW application was denied. At that time, she was just recovering from breast cancer. She came back to Saipan to start over again because all her savings was gone. She had to stop working for more than a year while undergoing treatment and she also spent a lot of money for hospital bills, etc. She was devastated that she was leaving the place she called home and more so, she was afraid that there was nothing for her back home. She is not young anymore and almost for sure will not be able to find a job in the Philippines because of her age and condition.

My friend stayed here so she can earn money to help her elder sister. She is also supporting her children back home. While she was able to send most of her children to college, she does not have spare money to save. Just the other day, her employer told them that their CW renewal was not submitted before the announcement of USCIS that the cap is already reached. She cannot sleep at night thinking what will happen to her and her family. Just like her sister, she is not young anymore. It will be difficult to find a job back home. She told me that it feels like an impending death.

These are true stories. I'm sure most of us if not all of us have friends like them. What are we doing to help them or we just don't care at all?

Irene Nepomuceno
Puerto Rico

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land channeling Archie Bunker without the laugh track. Overt bigotry matters. Trump is once again demonstrating why he is the preferred candidate for white supremacists.

Some Republicans, like former House Speaker Gingrich, have started speaking out and condemning this outrageous view. More need to — and forcefully. Otherwise, too many people are getting the message that this kind of thinking is not only acceptable but enlightened. Too many will believe that Trump criticisms can be dismissed as a product of biased media or old-guard "establishment" Republicans who don't wish to cede power to the "outsider" from Queens. Remember when GOP leaders fretted that they would never again win a national election without the support of the growing pool of Latino voters after Mitt Romney fared so poor with them? Trump may poll below Romney's 27 percent.

Enough is enough. Racism is racism. Sorry, but tepid endorsements of Donald Trump like the one recently offered by House Speaker Paul Ryan aren't sufficient to clue in the American people that this man is singularly unfit to lead the free world. Judge Curiel, a former prosecutor who famously targeted Mexican drug lords, deserves a public apology from a candidate who has embarrassed himself, his party and his country. In the hands of Norman Lear, Archie Bunker always got his comeuppance, Trump's will have to wait until Nov. 8 with voters filling in the punch line.

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Trump did no better. The top concerns among NAs from a list of 10 criticisms of Trump were hardly surprising: "Has an offensive and abrasive personality that reflects badly on America," followed by "doesn't have deep, core principles, so you'd never know where he stands or what he would do."

Paul Manafort, Trump's strategically brilliant senior advisor, has repeatedly asserted that Trump's style won't change. But if that's the case, it will be tough to change the NA voter. They (especially women) need to see there's something beyond insults before they will commit to spending the next four years with him.

As for Clinton, attempting to rationalize the State Department's stinging condemnation of her private email policy by claiming that everyone else did it only solidifies the impression that she lives under a different set of rules than everyone else.

But do not mistake the NA's antipathy for Clinton and Trump as angst towards all politicians. In America, It is still possible to be respected and elected.

Bernie Sanders, for example, sports a very healthy +21 net favorability (51 percent favorable, 30 percent unfavorable) among NAs. By comparison, Trump's net favorability is -76 among the group and Clinton's is -70. So what if Sanders is an avowed Socialist? These voters find him to be genuine, and that matters more than anything. It is highly unlikely either side will make much headway with NAs until the debates—if ever. Trump's scorched-earth messaging and Clinton's habitual inauthenticity got them through some serious primary challenges, but they burned their bridges to a meaningful segment of the American electorate. In most normal elections, whichever candidate built those bridges back fastest would be the next American president. But this is not a normal election. How do you "rebuild" from popularity deficits of -76 and -70 among uncommitted voters? That hasn't happened before. And both candidates will likely conclude it can't happen now. So they'll keep tearing down, even if it means breaking the NA voters' hearts once again.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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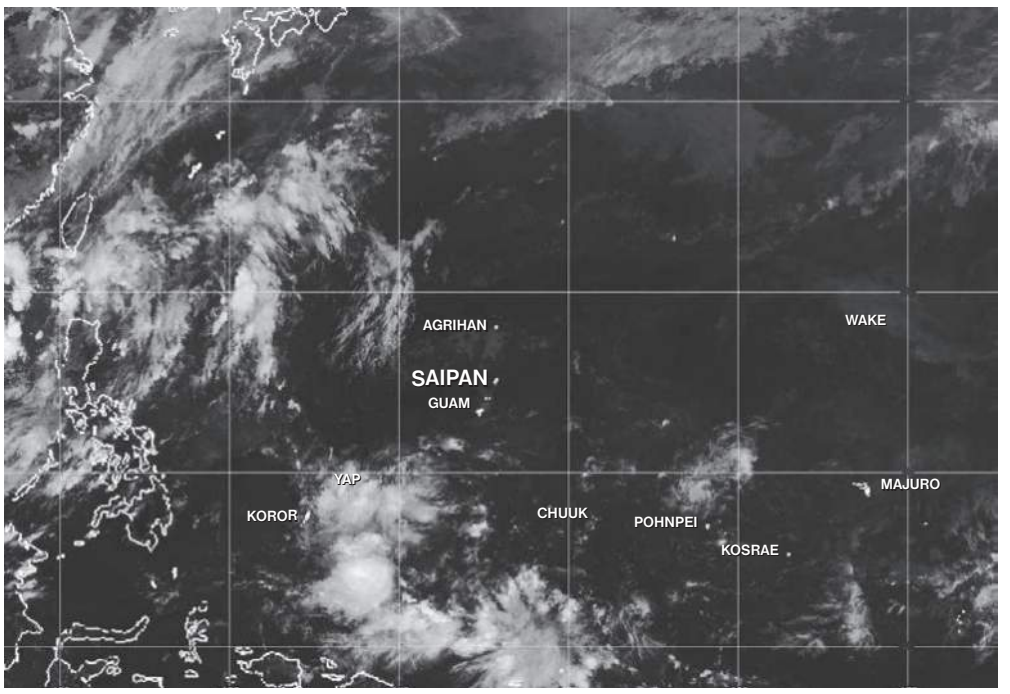

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Okinawa west of a line from 25N136E to 23N133E to 16N133E. A near-equatorial trough extends southeastward through 8N130E passing between Koror and Yap and through a circulation centered near 6N140E then ends at EQ148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near Yap and just east of Koror between the equator and 9N from 135E to 143E and south of a line from 3N143E to 2N153E. Trade-wind convergence is combining with upper-level divergence to trigger scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei within 120 miles of a line from 8N157E to 12N161E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered light showers south of Majuro between 1N and 6N from 166E to 180.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲92	▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼79
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲66	▼60
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲93	▼71
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲59	▼47
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Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼68
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Pusan	Showers	▲80	▼63
Rome	Thundershowers	▲74	▼62
Salem	Cloudy	▲70	▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼64
Tokyo	Showers	▲79	▼68
Washington, DC	Windy	▲73	▼54

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
6:09 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
10:44 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
6:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.3 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:47 PM
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Monday	5:46 AM	6:48 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

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UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

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SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

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ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

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BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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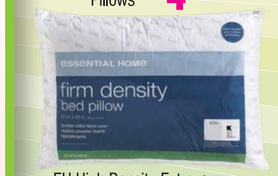

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Room Reservations Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: Preferably college degree and must have a two years of experience in Sales and Marketing or Tourism. Must know how to handle the room situations in case of over sell or over bookings, need to be familiar to hotel and agent policy, cut off days, agent room blockage and cancellations policy. Know how to protect the hotel, agent contract and their privacy. Must have excellent communication skills, good quality of customer service, and multi tasking skills are a must. Team player is a must. Capable of decision making and can work under pressure. Must be knowledgeable in Fidelio System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends, and holidays when needed.

Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Able to supervise, manage and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Prefer some technical courses. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Front Office Manager (1)
Qualifications: Preferably a college graduate with a Bachelor degree in Hospitality or Tourism Management; a minimum of two years work experience as Front Office Supervisor in a hotel of significant volume. Ability to read, analyze and interpret journals, financial reports and legal documents. Ability to write letters, memorandums or conceptualizing hotel's objectives. Ability to effectively present information to top management and employees, in groups or individually. Ability to speak, write and read in the English language fluently. Fluency in Japanese is an advantage. Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumstances, and volume, and analyze such information. Ability to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions. Comprehensive knowledge of business management, financial reporting and productivity requirements; Proficient in Microsoft Office program and Fidelio System software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

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Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum of five (5) years work experience required. Provide access for future maintenance and avoid unreliable wiring, consistent with verification and electrical codes, and other related duties as assigned. Capable of reading schematic diagram, and electrical symbols, knowledgeable on industrial electricity, circuit breakers, switches and controls. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Landscaping Worker (1)
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Sous Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; a graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. Must have at least four (4) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Supervising-chef assistant Supervises and coordinates activities of cooks and other workers engaged in preparing and cooking foodstuffs. Assumes responsibility for kitchen in absence of EXECUTIVE CHEF. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

International Cook (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma; graduate from independent and vocational cooking schools, professional culinary institutes or a college degree in appropriate field or equivalent. At least three (3) years experience in a five-star Hotel, Club, or Resort. Must be able to prepare, season, and cook a wide range of international dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, salads, entrees, and desserts in the Resort. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Baker (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Some previous work-related skill, knowledge or experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Demi Chef (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent, or postsecondary instruction from vocational schools. Minimum of four (4) years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cafeteria Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certificate. Little or no previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience is needed for these occupations. Must facilitate food service. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

A/C Refrigeration Mechanic/Technician (1)
Qualifications: Require post-secondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges that offer programs in air-conditioning and refrigeration or and associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or two (2) to four (4) years of experience. Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Assistant Maintenance Manager (1)
Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent. Minimum of six (6) years experience in hotel maintenance plus 2 years in supervisory level. Valid driver's license and reliable transportation. Preferably some technical courses. Must know how to use Excel and Microsoft Word. Must know how to read floor plan and electrical diagram and understand centralized air-conditioning system. Adheres to OSHA safety standards that are applicable for the safe performance of job. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Powerhouse Mechanic (Power Plant) (1)
Qualifications: Require postsecondary instruction from technical and trade schools or community colleges, and/or associate's degree. Completion of an apprenticeship program or 2 to 4 years of experience. Perform routine maintenance or make repairs to mechanical, electrical, or electronic equipment in power plants. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Pool Attendant (1)
Qualifications: High School graduate with at least two (2) years work experience as a Pool Attendant. Knowledgeable on some sports and in organizing group activities. Must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Certified CPR, First Aid and Lifeguard. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

General Maintenance Worker/Repairer (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of two (2) years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential. Perform work involving skills of two or more maintenance craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Income Auditor Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: A bachelor's degree in accounting or a related field. Minimum of five (5) years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Examine and analyze accounting records to determine financial status of establishment and prepare financial reports concerning operating procedures. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to F&B, Dry goods and Housekeeping cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work a variable schedule on occasion, including weekends.

Housekeeper (5)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent. Minimum 6 months work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Tailor/Dressmaker (2)
Qualifications: Minimum of Three (3) years work experience as a dressmaker preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Housekeeping Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. A few months to one year of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends..

Senior Housekeeping Supervisor (1)
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent. Two (2) to three (3) of supervisory/managerial capacity, in a five-star hotel, club, or resort. Preferably some basic knowledge of the hotel industry. Must directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in the hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

IT Tech Support Manager (1)
Qualifications: Any combination of education and training equivalent to possession of a bachelor's degree in computer science, information engineering, computer associates or other related areas. Must have at least five (5) years working experience. Experience in all areas of local and wide area networks management and administration including system configuration, setup, troubleshooting, implementation, and user support. Experience installing and supporting Microsoft server technologies. Working knowledge of local and wide area networks (LAN/WAN), Internet, e-mail systems, telecommunications and data communications, standard operating systems, software packages, and software. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Night Auditor (2)
Qualifications: College Diploma or Equivalent certificate, in a hotel or resort. Must have at least two (2) years experience in hotel internal auditing. Must be willing to work flexible night duty/graveyard schedule, weekends, holidays and extended work hours. Understanding of business processes and work flow design. Strong financial analytical background and must be knowledgeable on Microsoft office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Also responsible in handling of company general funds. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work as assignments and/or changes in priorities.

Food and Beverage Wait Staff (6)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 6 months serving experience required or 6 months current hosting experience. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Wait Staff (Banquet) (2)
Qualifications: High school diploma/GED preferred. At least 5 years experience required in banquet and/or related field. Restaurant and Beverages experience preferred. Proven knowledge of Micros or equivalent computer software and cash check, credit card handling procedures required. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Food and Beverage Supervisor (3)
Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent or training in vocational schools, related on-the-job experience, or an associate's degree. Minimum two (2) years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving. Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Cook (2)
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with three (3) years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Reservations Agent (1)
Qualifications: Preferably high school graduate. Must have minimum two (2) years of experience, in Sales and Marketing or Tourism, and or equivalent years of relevant experience in hotel industry. Know how to operate office equipments like fax/copier machine, telephone, computer (knowledge in Fidelio system is an advantage). Able to handle, arrange the agents or guests needs and complaints efficiently. Must have excellent communications, good quality customer service, and multitasking skills are a must. Must be able to work a variable schedule including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Room Reservations Manager (1)
Qualifications: College or university Diploma in Hospitality or Tourism Management; minimum of two years related experience as Front Office Manager, Executive Housekeeping Manager or Sales Manager in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of business need, financial reporting and productivity requirements. Proficient in Microsoft Office Program and Property Management System. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

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National Sea Grant College Program director visits Guam

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National Sea Grant College Program acting director Dr. Nikola Garber recently visited the island to meet with the University of Guam Sea Grant Program and other officials. From left, UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood and Dr. Garber.

Dr. Nikola Garber, acting director of the National Sea Grant College Program, recently visited Guam. She met with the University of Guam Sea Grant Program and local officials. Touring the island, Dr. Garber learned about Guam's unique natural resources, their cultural importance, and pressing environmental threats.

Commenting on the UOG Sea Grant Program, Dr. Garber shared, "I am happy to see the program engaging Guam's community and assisting with important coastal resource issues. I am encouraged by the potential of the program to continue growing and look forward to great things to come."

Based in the UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach Service, Sea Grant brings the science of coastal resources to Guam's people. Recent faculty hires, Dr. Austin Shelton and Marie Auyong develop enriching outreach activities and support a competitive graduate student research program focused on healthy coastal ecosystems and resilient communities and economies.

The National Sea Grant College Program is a partnership between universities and the Federal government's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), an agency within the Department of Commerce. The Sea Grant network includes more than 3,000 scientists, engineers, public outreach experts, educators, and students from over 300 institutions, representing 33 programs in states and territories.

To learn more about the University of Guam Sea Grant Program, visit www.cnas-re.uog.edu. ***(PR)***

Guam archbishop says he's a victim

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The Catholic archbishop of Guam is insisting he's a victim of a campaign to oust him and says he welcomes the appointment of a Vatican administrator to take over pending an investigation into allegations he sexually abused young boys decades ago.

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In a video shot in St. Peter's Square, Archbishop Anthony Apuron addressed himself to his flock in the Pacific U.S. territory, insisting he remained their archbishop and was a "victim of these horrible calumnies."

Pope Francis on Monday named a high-ranking Vatican official to take over the Agana archdiocese after abuse allegations against Apuron resurfaced in recent weeks. A church deacon publicly accused Apuron of keeping the archdiocese's sex abuse policy weak to protect himself.

Apuron has accused the deacon, Stephen Martinez, of being part of a conspiracy to oust him over a soured real estate deal.

On Tuesday, the archdiocese posted on its website a decree Apuron signed on the eve of his demotion declaring an association of Catholics who have been critical of his leadership "prohibited." The decree says the faithful should refrain from associating with it.

The group Concerned Catholics of Guam has featured Apuron's accuser on its website and says its mission is to be a forum for complaints, a support center for sex abuse victims, and an advocate for transparency in church finances.

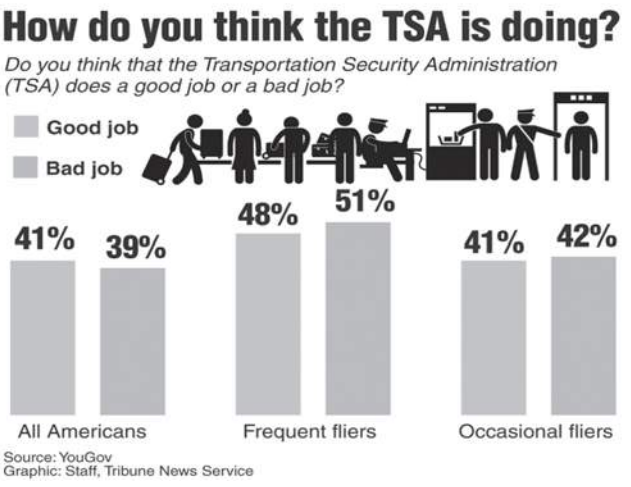
Business

TSA chief: Progress being made on shortening lines

WASHINGTON (AP)—Significant progress has been made on shortening screening lines since earlier this spring, when airlines reported thousands of frustrated passengers were missing flights, the head of the Transportation Security Administration said Tuesday.

Over the busy Memorial Day weekend, 99 percent of passengers at U.S. airports waited less than 30 minutes and 93 percent waited less than 15 minutes in regular security lines, Peter Neffenger told a hearing of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. In TSA Precheck lines for travelers who have received priority security vetting, 93 percent of passengers waited less than 5 minutes, he said.

The agency said it is reducing lines partly by adding more lanes and increasing staffing at peak periods, especially at seven of the nation's busiest airports: John F. Kennedy in New York, Newark in New Jersey, O'Hare in Chicago, Miami, Atlanta, Dallas-Fort Worth and Los Angeles.



"When you get stories of long wait times it has primarily been those airports," Neffenger said. "If you can prevent problems from happening there, you don't have problems that cascade throughout the system."

TSA also is exploring the possibility of adding automated screening technology at more than a dozen airports that can speed up lines by as much as 30 percent, he said. After TSA viewed the technology in operation at busy Heathrow Airport in London, Delta Air Lines helped pay for its installation in two screening lanes in Atlanta, he said. The new system, which went into operation in late May, has been such a success that TSA has created a special team to talk to other airlines and airports about installing the systems and going even further to add more automation, he said.

World Bank downgrades its forecast for 2016 global economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The World Bank is reducing its forecast for the global economy this year—again.

The aid agency predicted Tuesday that the world economy will expand 2.4 percent this year, down from the 2.9 percent it expected in January and unchanged from a tepid 2015.

"The global economy is fragile," said World Bank economist Ayhan Kose, who helped produce the forecast. "Growth is weak."

In the years since the world began recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have repeatedly proved too optimistic about the world economy and have had to downgrade their previous forecasts.

The World Bank's latest 2016 forecast is more pessimistic than the IMF's outlook for 3.2 percent global growth this year, a projection made in April.

Since then, it's become clearer that low commodity prices continue to vex many developing countries whose economies depend on exports of those commodities. And advanced economies are still struggling to gain momentum as they contend with aging workforces and lackluster productivity growth.

The World Bank expects the U.S. economy to grow 1.9 percent this year, down from 2.4 percent in 2015. The downgrade for the United States reflects a weak first quarter: Growth from January through March reached a negligible 0.8 percent annual rate. U.S. manufacturers have been especially hurt by a strong dollar, which has made their goods more expensive overseas.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Criminal complaint filed in Japan over faulty Takata air bag

TOKYO (AP)—A criminal complaint has been filed in Japan about a Takata air bag causing injuries during a crash, the first such case in this nation related to an unfolding massive recall. Takata Corp. said Wednesday it was fully cooperating with the investigation of the accident, in which a woman in the front passenger seat of a Nissan X-Trail sport-utility vehicle was injured. Nissan said it's also cooperating. Kyodo News service reported, citing anonymous investigative sources, the woman was injured in October 2015, and metal fragments were later found to be from the inflator. Takata has expanded its recalls, which are likely to tally more than 100 million inflators globally. Faulty airbags are responsible for 11 deaths and more than 100 injuries worldwide. Two more deaths are under investigation in Malaysia.

Police: No evidence CEO's death anything other than accident

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Oklahoma City police say they found no evidence that the death of businessman Aubrey McClendon in a vehicle crash a day after he was indicted by a federal grand jury was anything other than an accident. Capt. Paco Balderrama said in a statement: "Our investigators found no information or evidence which would compel us to believe this was anything other than a vehicular accident." Police previously said the former Chesapeake CEO was driving 78 mph when his sport utility vehicle hit a bridge support and burst into flames and that there was no evidence suggesting he tried to avoid the crash. His death came a day after his indictment on a bid-rigging charge. He had vowed to fight the charge.

Nation

Clinton claims historic win in Democratic Party primary

NEW YORK (AP)—Claiming her place in history, Hillary Clinton declared victory Tuesday night in her bruising battle for the Democratic presidential nomination, becoming the first woman to lead a major American political party and casting herself as the beneficiary of generations who fought for equality.

"This campaign is about making sure there are no ceilings, no limits on any of us," Clinton said during an emotional rally in Brooklyn, eight years to the day after she ended her first failed White House run. As she took the stage to raucous cheers, she paused to relish the moment, flinging her arms wide and beaming broadly.

Clinton had already secured the delegates needed for the nomination, according to an Associated Press tally. She added to her totals with victories in New Jersey, New Mexico and South Dakota, three of the six states voting Tuesday.

Clinton

Clinton faces a two-front challenge in the coming days. She must appeal to the enthusiastic supporters of her rival Bernie Sanders—who insists he still has a narrow path to the nomination—and sharpen her contrasts with presumptive Republican nominee Donald Trump.

She sought to make progress on both, using her own loss in 2008 to connect with Sanders' backers.

"It never feels good to put our heart into a cause or a candidate you believe in and come up short," she said. "I know that feeling well. But as we look ahead to the battle that awaits, let's remember all that unites us."

She was biting and sarcastic as she took on Trump, accusing him of wanting to win "by stoking fear and rubbing salt in wounds—and reminding us daily just how great he is."

Even as the Democratic race was ending, new turmoil broke out among the Republicans. GOP leaders recoiled at Trump's comments about a Hispanic judge, with one senator even pulling his endorsement.

Trump capped his difficult day with victories in California, New Jersey, New Mexico, South Dakota and Montana. But he was muted his victory rally, saying he understands "the responsibility" of leading the Republican Party. He also made a direct appeal to dejected Sanders supporters and other Democrats.

Sanders 'disappointed' and 'upset' at news of Clinton's win

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bernie Sanders said Tuesday he was "really disappointed" and "upset" that The Associated Press declared rival Hillary Clinton the presumptive Democratic nominee on the eve of primary elections in six states, adding a somewhat muted voice to the outrage expressed by many of his supporters.

In an interview with NBC News, Sanders expressed concern that the news of Clinton's victory came the night before "the largest primary" and that it was based on what he described as "anonymous" commitments from superdelegates—the party insiders and Democratic officials who can vote for the candidate of their choice at the summer convention.

"They got on the phone as I understand it, and started hounding superdelegates to tell them in an anonymous way who they were voting for. The night before the largest primary, biggest primary in the whole process, they make this announcement," he said. "So I was really disappointed in what The AP did."

The AP's delegate count is based on pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses, as well as a survey of superdelegates. The AP only included superdelegates in its tally if they said they would unequivocally vote for Clinton or Sanders at the convention.

According to the AP's count, Clinton secured the commitments of enough delegates to become the presumptive nominee on Monday night, the day before primary elections in California, New Jersey and four other states.

Obama meets Indian PM, seeks implementation of climate pact

WASHINGTON (AP)—India will try to join a climate change deal within this year, the Obama administration said Tuesday, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi met President Barack Obama at the White House and the two leaders played up their efforts to cooperate on issues of global concern.

Stressing their "strong bonds," Obama said the world's two largest democracies had "joined forces" to bring about the landmark climate agreement that was reached in Paris last December.

"We discussed how we can as quickly as possible bring the Paris agreement into place, how we can make sure that climate financing that's necessary for India to be able to embark on its bold vision for solar energy and clean energy that Prime Minister Modi has laid out can be accomplished," Obama said, alongside Modi after their meeting in the Oval Office.

Modi said that the U.S. and India have been cooperating on issues of global concern, including nuclear security, climate change and terrorism. He referred to Obama as "my close friend" and said the two nations would continue working "shoulder to shoulder."

India is the world's third-largest carbon emitter among nations, after China and the U.S. The Paris agreement aims to keep the global temperature rise below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) compared with pre-industrial times. The agreement enters into force once 55 countries representing at least 55 percent of global emissions have joined it.

In a joint statement, U.S. reaffirmed its commitment to join the climate deal "as soon as possible this year" and India said it shared that objective. Indian Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar said there were regulatory and legal issues to be addressed. He told reporters that the government was "looking at ways and means" to take the agreement forward.

Asia

Abandoned Japanese boy released from the hospital

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese boy who was found nearly a week after he was abandoned in a forest by his parents as punishment waved to onlookers as he was released from a hospital Tuesday.

Seven-year-old Yamato Tanooka was met with loud camera flashes and cheers from dozens of people when he appeared outside the hospital in the city of Hakodate on the northern island of Hokkaido. Wearing a baseball gap and a gray jacket over a T-shirt, Yamato waved at the crowd while he holding a greeting card in the shape of an oversized baseball.

When asked what he would like to do, he said he wants to play baseball.

"I am fine," Yamato said when a reporter asked how he is feeling.

Yamato added he would like to go back to school soon and is looking forward to participating in a sports day at his school.

Source: AP
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Before leaving the hospital, his father bowed to the cameras and said, "Thank you."

Yamato was found in a military training ground hut on Friday, six days after he was reported missing. Japanese media said the boy experienced only light dehydration and minor bruises on an arm and both of his legs, even though he had not eaten and drunk only water.

Shunsuke Kudo, an assistant section chief for the Hokkaido police department public relations division, said the police were not intending to press charges against his parents for child neglect.

Kudo said the police were considering reporting the case to a children's welfare center.

Miki Kurotatsu with Hakodate Children's Welfare Center declined to comment on whether the center had received a report from the police because it was a private matter.

His parents reported Yamato went missing on May 29, initially telling police their son disappeared when they were collecting plants in the forest. Later the father, Takayuki Tanooka (Tah-noh-oh-kah), said he had planned to leave Yamato briefly in the forest as punishment because the boy had been throwing rocks at people and cars at a river earlier that day.

Hong Kongers accuse France's Lancome of kowtowing to Beijing

HONG KONG (AP)—French cosmetics company Lancome has sparked a backlash in Hong Kong after it canceled a promotional concert featuring a singer known for pro-democracy views, with many accusing it of caving to political pressure from Beijing.

Cantopop singer and outspoken celebrity activist Denise Ho was scheduled to perform on June 19. But after word of the event got out, China's nationalist Global Times newspaper criticized Lancome over the weekend through its microblogging Weibo account.

Lancome then said Sunday on its Hong Kong Facebook page that the event had been canceled because of unspecified "safety reasons." It also sought to distance itself from Ho in a separate post, saying that she's not its spokeswoman.

The statements earned Lancome thousands of angry Facebook comments, with many calling for a boycott of the company.

Ho fired back with her own Facebook statement, saying that the company "unilaterally" canceled a "pure artistic collaboration."

"When a global brand like Lancome has to kneel down to a bullying hegemony, we must face the problem seriously as the world's values have been seriously twisted," said Ho, who backed pro-democracy protesters who took to the streets in 2014 over Beijing's decision to restrict elections in Hong Kong, a semiautonomous Chinese city

Ho is also a supporter of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, and posted a picture on Facebook last month of their meeting on her birthday. Beijing accuses the Dalai Lama of seeking to separate Tibet from China. Tibetans and the Dalai Lama say they simply want a higher degree of autonomy under Chinese rule.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Hindu priest shot, hacked to death in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Unidentified bike-riding assailants shot and hacked a Hindu priest to death Tuesday in southwestern Bangladesh amid a spate of similar attacks allegedly by radical Islamist groups since last year. Local police chief Hasan Hafizur Rahman said three men intercepted 70-year-old Anando Gopal Ganguly while riding his bicycle to a temple in Jhenaidah district. Rahman said the three men on a motorbike first shot Ganguly and then slashed him with sharp weapons before they fled the scene. Police had no immediate clues about who was behind the latest killing but they suspected that Islamist militant groups could be behind as the pattern of the attack was similar to previous ones. No group has claimed responsibility.

China says 4 killed in crash of marine surveillance plane

BEIJING (AP)—China says four officers were killed when a marine surveillance plane crashed into a mountain along the country's east coast. State Oceanic Administration said the accident occurred Tuesday during a routine mission to monitor conditions in Zhejiang province whose coastline is dotted with hundreds of islands. It said the wreckage was found early Tuesday evening after a search involving 18 ships and four helicopters. The type of plane was not identified, although the China Marine Surveillance agency operates aircraft including helicopters and the Chinese-made Harbin Y-12 turboprop. The agency is one of four under the State Oceanic Administration used to patrol and carry out law enforcement missions along China's vast coastline, as well as in waters claimed China in the South China and East China Seas.

World

Venezuelans pick through trash for food to eat or sell

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Until recently, Julio Noguera worked at a bakery. But he now spends his evenings searching through the garbage for food.

"I come here looking for food because if I didn't, I'd starve to death," Noguera said as he sorted through a pile of moldy potatoes. "With things like they are, no one helps anyone and no one gives away meals."

Across town, unemployed people converge every dusk at a trash heap on a downtown Caracas sidewalk to pick through rotten fruit and vegetables tossed out by nearby shops. They are frequently joined by small business owners, college students and pensioners—people who consider themselves middle class even though their living standards have long ago been pulverized by triple-digit inflation, food shortages and a collapsing currency.

Venezuela's poverty had eased during the administration of the late President Hugo Chavez. But a study by three leading Caracas universities found that 76 percent of Venezuelans are now under the poverty line, compared with 52 percent in 2014.

Staples such as corn flour and cooking oil are subsidized, costing pennies at the strongest of two official exchange rates. But fruit and vegetables have become an unaffordable luxury for many Venezuelan families.

"We're seeing terrible sacrifices across many sections of society," said Carlos Aponte, a sociology professor at the Central University of Venezuela. "A few years ago, Venezuela didn't have the kind of extreme poverty that would drive people to eat garbage."

While some search through the garbage piles for food they can eat, many more are drawn by the opportunity to fetch a few bolivar bills by rescuing and reselling bruised produce.

On a recent evening, Noguera managed to retrieve a dozen potatoes.

"I'm a trained baker, but right now there's no work anywhere here. So I make do with this," he said.

The trash pickers aren't just people who've lost their jobs.

Jhosriana Capote, a vocational student, comes to the trash heap to supplement her pantry. She recently completed an internship with a Coca-Cola subsidiary.

Spats among Iraq's security forces delay advance on Fallujah

NAYMIYAH, Iraq (AP)—After securing the southern edge of militant-held Fallujah, seven battalions of Iraqi special forces units have been unable to advance for two days—a delay that commanders say isn't due to counterattacks or difficult terrain, but rather to disagreements about battlefield strategy among the disparate Iraqi forces fighting the Islamic State group.

Unlike previous anti-IS operations, the fight for Fallujah involves an array of Iraqi security forces. A battle plan that was initially cast as an example of how those fighters can work together has instead revealed just how fractured Iraq's security forces are.

"I wouldn't say the different forces in the Fallujah operation are cooperating: They've just divided up the battlefield," said Patrick Martin, an Iraq analyst with the Institute for the Study of War, a think tank based in Washington.

Since IS overran Mosul in the summer of 2014, two groups have come to dominate the fight against the militant group in Iraq: The country's elite counterterrorism special forces and the government-sanctioned, largely Shiite militias known as the Popular Mobilization Forces.

Once highly centralized under former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Iraq's security forces have splintered under the weight of the political and security crises that were unleashed by the IS blitz across Iraq two years ago.

Iraq's military largely disintegrated in the face of that assault, and in the days that followed, a number of largely Shiite militia groups took up arms against IS and stopped their advance north of Baghdad.

A confident Assad vows to 'liberate' every inch of Syria

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP)—President Bashar Assad vowed Tuesday his troops would "liberate" every inch of Syria, just like they recaptured the ancient town of Palmyra from the Islamic State group, in a speech that reflected his renewed confidence as the military pressed on toward Raqqa, the extremists' self-styled capital.

His remarks in parliament came as his opponents, backed by Turkey and Saudi Arabia, are struggling for survival and his troops have almost encircled rebel-held neighborhoods of Aleppo, Syria's largest city.

Saying the military situation was much better than it was months ago, Assad told the lawmakers that Aleppo will be "the graveyard where the hopes and dreams of the butcher Erdogan will be buried."

The reference was to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, one of the staunchest supporters of the rebels fighting to topple Assad. Erdogan has allowed safe passage from his country for fighters and weapons over the border into Syria.

Assad also described Erdogan as a "thug" and a "fascist" in the speech, which was frequently interrupted by applause.

When Assad walked into the chamber to speak, the legislators had stood and chanted, "Our soul, our blood we sacrifice for you, Bashar!"

The civil war, now in its sixth year, has turned in Assad's favor ever since Russia began a bombing campaign in September, helping Syrian troops recapture wide areas from insurgents.

The biggest victory came in March, when government forces evicted the Islamic State group from Palmyra, a desert town in central Syria world famous for its majestic Roman-era ruins.

"The way we liberated Palmyra, and before that many areas, we will liberate every last bit of Syria from their hands. We have no choice but to be victorious," Assad said to a furious applause.

Environment

Congress sends Obama bill to regulate toxic chemicals

WASHINGTON (AP)— Congress on Tuesday sent President Barack Obama a sweeping bill that would for the first time regulate tens of thousands of toxic chemicals in everyday products, from household cleaners to clothing and furniture.

In a rare display of bipartisanship in an election year, the Senate backed the measure on a voice vote after Republicans and Democrats spoke enthusiastically about the legislation. Backers of the bill said it would clear up a hodgepodge of state rules and update and improve a toxic-chemicals law that has remained unchanged for 40 years.

The Senate vote follows approval in the House last month. Obama is expected to sign the measure.

The wide-ranging bill was more than three years in the making and had support from a broad coalition, ranging from environmental and public health groups to the chemical industry and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The bill would set new safety standards for asbestos and other dangerous chemicals, including formaldehyde, styrene and Bisphenol A, better known as BPA, that have gone unregulated for decades. The rules will impact an $800-billion-a-year industry.

The measure would update the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act to require the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate new and existing chemicals against a new, risk-based safety standard that includes considerations for particularly vulnerable people such as children and pregnant women. It also establishes written deadlines for the EPA to act and makes it harder for the industry to claim chemical information is proprietary and therefore secret.

Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M., one of the bill's chief sponsors, said the bill's passage ensures that "for the first time in 40 years, the United States of America will have a chemical safety program that works ... and protects families from dangerous chemicals in their daily lives."

The bill is named after the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg, a New Jersey Democrat who worked for years to fix the toxic-substance law before his death in 2013.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, called the bill "historic" and "a great example of the Republican-led Congress working for the American people by enacting meaningful and common-sense legislation."

Some environmental groups opposed the bill, saying it did too little to protect consumers from dangerous chemicals that have been linked to serious illnesses, including cancer, infertility, diabetes and Parkinson's disease. Under current law only a small fraction of chemicals used in consumer goods have been reviewed for safety.

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., also opposed the bill, calling it a "sweeping federal takeover of chemical regulation." Paul said the bill would preempt state regulations in favor of "overzealous" federal regulations.

Business groups have been asking Congress to bring clarity to what they say in a dizzying array of state regulations, with tough rules required by liberal-leaning states such as California, Massachusetts and Vermont, and looser standards in conservative states such as Texas and Louisiana.

The American Chemistry Council, which represents the chemical industry, said the bill would provide greater certainty to industry while holding the EPA accountable to impose reasonable requirements.

Final passage of the legislation will "bring chemical regulation into the 21st century ... and have far-reaching benefits for America's economy and public health," the group said a statement.

The chemical bill is "not perfect," but "meets the high goals set by the administration for meaningful reform," the White House said in a statement. The legislation is likely to restore public confidence in the safety of chemicals while improving public health and environmental protections, the White House said.

The 181-page bill declares that any state law or rule in place before April 22 would not be pre-empted by federal law. The legislation also would allow states to work on some regulations while federal rules are being developed, a process that can take up to seven years.

States that do not regulate chemicals closely would follow the federal standard.

Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., speaks with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, May 19, 2016, before joining a bipartisan group of senators at a news conference to discuss legislation to improve the federal regulation of chemicals and toxic substances.

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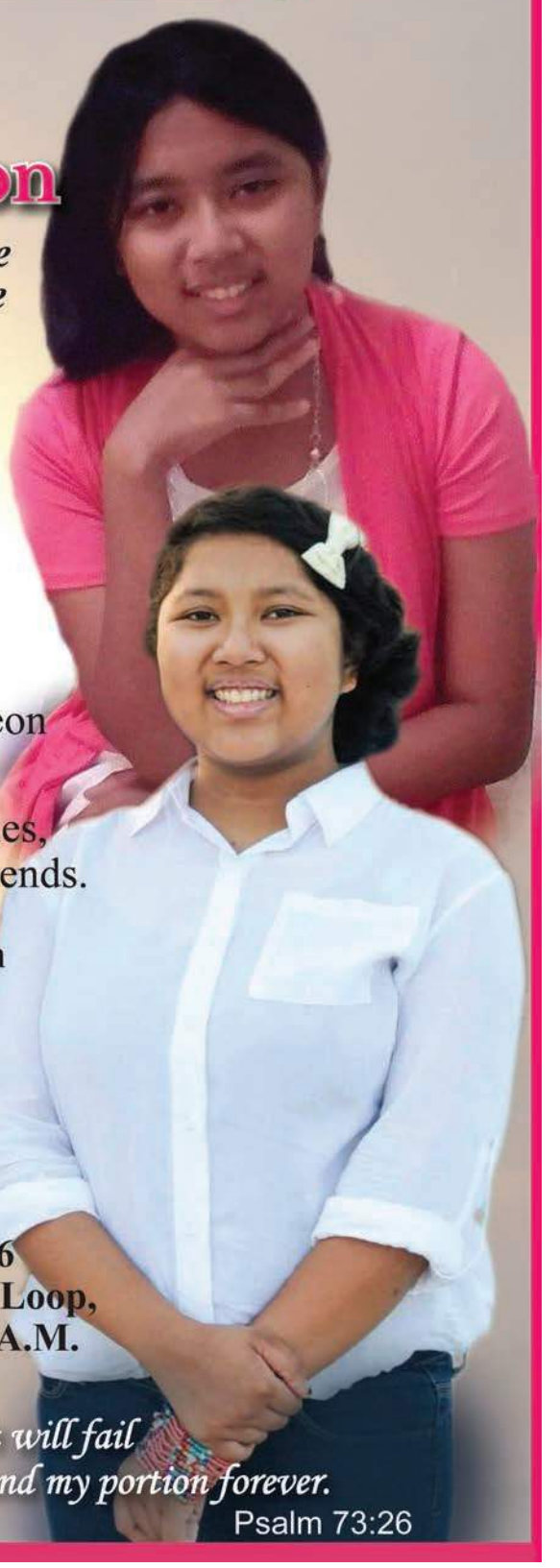
In Celebration of Her New Life

†Catrina Jean "CJ" Sacramento Pantaleon

Born on August 8, 2000, went home to be with the Lord on June 8, 2016, at the age of 15.



Her memory will live forever in the heart of her:

Father: Jesus (Jess) Agapito Pantaleon
Mother: Analiza Sacramento Pantaleon
Siblings: Alyssa Jean S. Pantaleon
Earljean Jonathan S. Pantaleon
Grandparents:
Fely Sacramento, Aurelia Pantaleon
Socorro Borja

She will also be missed by numerous uncles, aunties, cousins, ninongs, ninangs, and friends.

A celebration of her new life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2016, 10:00 A.M. at Grace Christian Assembly Church, Magas Loop, Navy Hill, Saipan.

Interment will follow at Sanctuario Pax Memorial Gardens, Kagman, Saipan

Public viewing will be held on June 11, 2016 Grace Christian Assembly Church, Magas Loop, Navy Hill, Saipan from 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

My flesh and my heart will fail
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
Psalm 73:26

Life & Style

Review: 'Conjuring 2' scares but not as well as the first

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP FILM WRITER

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This image released by Warner Bros. shows Vera Farmiga, left, and Patrick Wilson in a scene from the New Line Cinema thriller, "The Conjuring 2."

If "The Conjuring" was a chilling whisper, the sequel is a deafening shriek.

That might not be a bad thing for some, but the shock jumps and cheesy-looking demons in "The Conjuring 2 " were a definite departure from the first, and not necessarily for the better. The brilliance of director James Wan's elegant original film was how it used our own horror savvy against us. He'd allow for a long take of a terrified girl peering under her bed and let it stay there long enough to the point where your muscles start to tense. You instinctively brace for the shock that you know is coming ... and then ... nothing.

At that point a creepy face or a loud knock on the door wasn't actually needed. The suspense was more than sufficient. The audience was already petrified.

"The Conjuring 2," however, goes all out. It's even louder, somehow. And there are more demons, more jump scares, more creepy antique toys and, thankfully, more Ed and Lorraine Warren (Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga), the most delightfully campy couple of supernaturally sensitive marrieds ever to grace the screen. They're like everyone's favorite Sunday School teachers—she's the earthy one, he's the groovy one. You know they've seen some darkness, too, but then Ed grabs a guitar and starts crooning "Can't Help Falling in Love" and you forget all about the demon spirit lurking in the tattered leather armchair in the corner of the living room.

Heck, the cranky dead man in the corner terrorizing a working-class family outside of London probably even enjoyed Ed's Elvis impersonation, too.

Oh, right, there's a cranky dead man in the corner because this is a horror movie and not just a quirky romance about the Warrens.

The story deals with the Enfield Poltergeist—a highly documented 1977 case about a single mother, Peggy Hodgson (played here by Frances O'Connor); her four children; and the strange and terrifying happenings in their small home. As with most stories about haunted houses, it starts small—bumps and voices and knocks, mysterious bites and sheets that fly off of children in the middle of the night—and escalates quickly to demonic possession of an 11-year-old girl, Janet (Madison Wolfe), by a 72-year-old Bill Wilkins (Bob Adrian).

This time, though, the Warrens have their own issues. In a prologue about the Amityville murders, Lorraine sees something that scares her so deeply, she has no choice but to put her foot down and demand that she and Ed stop this business of paranormal investigation. They can do the lecture and the press circuit, sure, but no more of this getting inside heads.

Meanwhile, the whole industry of paranormal investigation is being picked apart by naysayers in the press, so when the Enfield situation springs up, the Catholic Church basically asks the Warrens to go ahead and try to get proof first to save the church from another embarrassing hoax situation. While interesting, the constant skepticism and wavering trust also work to dull the fun of the scares. Is the audience supposed to doubt little Janet, too? It's never really clear.

The film is also way too long and the tricks end up feeling a little repetitive and obvious, although there's a really great sequence in the Warrens' home with a creepy picture that Ed painted.

The horror sequel is a tough thing to pull off in general, and "The Conjuring 2" is most certainly one of the better efforts. The case files of the Warrens should provide some wickedly fun material for many sequels to come. But, for better or worse, the first movie was just too good and "The Conjuring 2" can't hold a candle to its predecessor.

Artist Christo walks on water with "Floating Piers"

ISEO, Italy (AP)—It's taken nearly 2,000 years, but regular folks will soon get to feel what it is like to walk on water thanks to a project by the artist Christo, who may or may not have had his namesake in mind when envisioning his latest project: "The Floating Piers."

"Any interpretation is legitimate," Christo, 80, allowed graciously in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press at the picturesque Lake Iseo in northern Italy where his 23rd large-scale installation is just a week and a half from opening.

Since November, Christo and his team have been overseeing the assembly and anchoring of 220,000 floating poly-ethylene cubes to create a 3-kilometer (nearly 2-mile) undulating runway connecting the mainland with a pair of islands, one inhabited and towering above the lake.

"For the first time, for 16 days, from the 18th of June to July 3, they will walk on the water," Christo said of the 2,000 residents of Monte Isolo, which is normally only accessible by boat.

"The Floating Piers" is expected to draw half a million visitors during the longest days of the year to northern Italy's least-known big lake. That is considerably fewer than the 5 million who visited Christo's and his late wife Jeanne-Claude's famous "Wrapped Reichstag" in Berlin in 1995 and the 2 million who walked through their work "The Gates" in New York City's Central Park in 2005, due largely to the relatively rural location.

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An aerial view of the in progress installation 'The Floating Piers' by Bulgarian-born artist Christo Vladimirov Yavachev known as Christo, on the Lake Iseo, northern Italy, Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

The project still awaits a final touch: The application of deep yellow fabric that the artist promises will dramatically shift from nearly red to brilliant gold under the effects of light and humidity.

"You will need sunscreen," from the reflection, he says with conviction.

The project awakens many metaphors: Yellow brick road, for the fantastical journey it beckons. Runway, for the attention it commands. Beach for the lapping waves along the sloping edges of the 16-meter (more than 50-foot) wide boulevard. The fabric, which will be sewn into place by German seamstresses with specially made sewing machines, to create natural ruching. This effect prompts Christo to warn that visitors will have to step carefully along the oscillating platform.

The artist describes the sensation as "walking on the back of a whale."

Once the installation opens on June 18, 150 volunteers, among them lifeguards, will be posted on the piers and on boats around the clock to ensure safety. Swimming is forbidden -- but expected, despite the cold water temperatures. Entrance is free, with the entire cost of the 15 million euro ($17 million) project financed by the artist himself.

Christo's projects are as much feats of engineering as they are works of art. He has brought in a team of athletes from his native Bulgaria to assemble the specially made, recently invented cubes and divers to anchor them to concrete slabs on the lake-floor, employing oil-rig-inspired two-week rotations. The 190 anchors were moved into place by air balloons.

Like many of his previous installations, "The Floating Piers," had its own destiny. Christo and Jeanne-Claude, who died in 2009, originally envisioned it for the delta of Rio de la Plata, Argentina, in 1970 but they failed to get permissions. They then considered Tokyo Bay, but again failed to get the permits.

"The project is done for ourselves. And if other people like it, it's almost a bonus, very much like a painter who (has) huge big canvases they like to fill it with color. You don't fill the canvas with color to please Mr. Smith, Mr. Jones, you fill it with color because you like to have the joy to see this color," Christo said.

When his 80th birthday was bearing down on him and his "Over the River" proposal to drape fabric over the Arkansas River in southern Colorado was still embroiled in court battles, Christo decided to make another run at "The Floating Piers."

He chose Lake Iseo for its calm waters and simple shoreline against the majestic Alpine foothills that some believe may have inspired the background of Leonardo's "Mona Lisa." Christo suggests the hypothesis is made believable by the misty effect created by the lake climate, softening the mountain contours. In a painterly gesture, he said he made sure that the project offered vistas not only of the mountains, but also of the lake's medieval towns and verdant flora.

The installation physically draws in visitors, demanding their participation to get the full experience. That's by the artist's design.

"I don't like to talk on the telephone, I like to see the real people. And of course I don't understand anything of computers. I like to have the real things, the real water, the real sun, the real kilometer, the real wind, the real fear, the real joy," he said.

Christo delighted in the gentle movement of the nearly finished project. He instructed a boat driver to circle past the runway to create waves and smiled gleefully at the gentile oscillation of the platform. Had the original project gone through, it would have been built with stodgier pontoons, lacking the kinetic grace allowed by the recently invented cubes.

"Each project finds his right place," he said.

Bobby Brown: Friend to blame for Houston, daughter's death

NEW YORK (AP)—Bobby Brown is suggesting family friend Nick Gordon is to blame for the deaths of his ex-wife Whitney Houston and the couple's daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown.

Houston was pronounced dead in February 2012 after being found submerged in a bathtub. Her death was ruled an accidental drowning. Brown was found unresponsive in a bathtub in January 2015. She went into a coma and died six months later. An autopsy couldn't determine if her death was intentional or accidental. Both women had drugs in their systems.

Brown has joined a wrongful death suit against Gordon in his daughter's death. He tells ABC News that "the same thing that happened to my daughter is what happened to Whitney." He says "there's only one person that was around both occasions," but refuses to speak Gordon's name.

Gordon denies having anything to do with Brown's death.

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In this Sept. 27, 2015, file photo, Bobby Brown attends the 26th Annual Heroes and Legends Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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In this Sept. 2, 2014 file photo, Grammy-nominated singer, Sheila E poses for a portrait in support of her new album "The Beat of My Own Drum."

Sheila E., D'Angelo, The Roots to honor Prince at BET Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Sheila E., D'Angelo, The Roots and Janelle Monae will pay tribute to Prince at this month's BET Awards.

The performers will honor The Purple One on June 26 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, the network announced Tuesday

After Madonna—with the help of Stevie Wonder—paid tribute to Prince at last month's Billboard Music Awards, BET tweeted: "Yeah, we saw that. Don't worry. We Got You."

Sheila E. was once engaged to Prince. Monae was mentored by Prince and they collaborated on her 2013 album.

Prince died April 21 of an accidental overdose of fentanyl, a powerful opioid painkiller.

Drake is the top nominee at the BET Awards with nine nominations; Beyonce and Rihanna have five nominations each.

O.J. Simpson shown smiling in new prison photo

LOVELOCK, Nev. (AP)—Prison officials in Nevada have released a new photo that shows a smiling O.J. Simpson.

The photo from the Nevada Department of Corrections features Simpson wearing a green shirt in front of a red background. The 68-year-old has mostly gray hair and a slight grin on his face.

Simpson is serving a sentence of nine to 33 years in a Nevada prison for a 2007 armed robbery and kidnapping conviction. He is eligible for parole next year.

The pro football hall of famer was acquitted in 1995 for the killings of ex-wife Nicole Brown-Simpson and Ronald Goldman but later found liable for the deaths in a civil case. The criminal case has drawn renewed interest this year after being featured in the FX drama, "The People vs. O.J. Simpson."

AP

This photo provided by the Nevada Department of Corrections shows O.J. Simpson.

Little Big Town's Pharrell-shaped CD is fun but lightweight

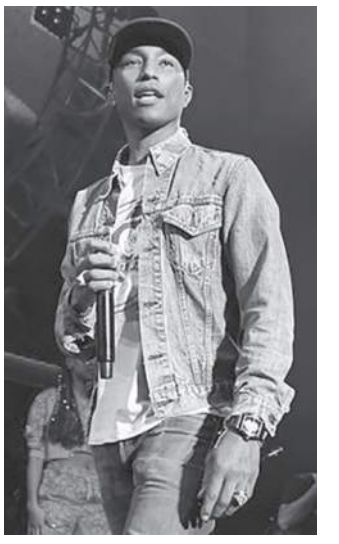
By MICHAEL McCall
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Little Big Town, country music's top vocal group, achieved widespread fame by continually taking artistic risks and pushing boundaries. With "Wanderlust," they step out even further, working with hitmaking producer Pharrell Williams to create an album of contemporary pop and dance music.

On the surface, the new partners complement each other well: Pharrell brings his deceptively simple beats and sunny melodies, as heard on the single "One of Those Days" and album opener "One Dance"; Little Big Town's sublime vocal blend sounds great in this setting, as their harmonies and layered voices highlight the melodic uplift and rhythmic verve of the arrangements, especially on the gospel-drawn power of "C'mon" and the light Jamaican touch in "Work."

What's missing is the emotional weight Little Big Town has brought to their best work, such as the Grammy-winning "Girl Crush." Nor is anything on the 8-song "Wanderlust" quite as effervescent or engaging as previous hits "Pontoon" and "Day Drinking."

"Wanderlust" presents plenty of joyful escape and playful fun. But nothing on the lightweight collection measures up to the group's best work.



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In this Dec. 4, 2015 file photo, Pharrell Williams performs at Power 106's Cali Christmas 2015 in Inglewood, Calif.

For the record: interpreters talk and translators write

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about your answer to "An International Educator" (Dec. 27), who asked about translators at parent-teacher conferences. Your answer was only partially correct.

I am a professional interpreter and translator. First I should note that translators do written work; interpreters speak aloud. Different skills are involved, which is why there are different terms.

Second, during interpretation, the interpreter is not considered to be part of the conversation, just a "conduit" through which communication takes place. Persons being interpreted for do not need to look at the interpreter while facilitating their communication.

A professional interpreter will interpret everything that is said; for example, they will not leave out curse words or "filter" or embellish anything. They also try to approximate the same voice tone.

I should also note that professional interpreters are bound by privacy codes much like doctors and nurses. We are not allowed to divulge any information we have learned from our interpretation jobs. Another thing to realize is that a professional interpreter (or translator) will be completely neutral, regardless of who hired him/her or with which party he/she enters the room.

If someone is using a non-professional interpreter, a person who just happens to know both languages but has not had the training to be an interpreter, he/she may not adhere to these privacy or conduct codes, and their interpretations may not be of the best quality. Just knowing two languages does not guarantee that someone is capable of doing accurate interpretations (the same goes for translations).

ONE WHO KNOWS IN KANSAS

DEAR O.W.K.: Thank you for clarifying the difference between the two terms. You were one of many readers who wrote to explain it, and I'm glad you did.

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DEAR ABBY: Please tell your readers that even though gay people are more integrated into our lives, it does not provide an open invitation to pry into anyone's sexual practices. I have been asked many times about the physical mechanics of my relationship, although I would never consider requesting such information from my heterosexual friends, neighbors or co-workers.

I think the bottom line should be: Keep your noses out of your friends' bedrooms and everything will be just fine. I am a gay 49-year-old man in Texas and honestly would never dream of asking any couple—straight or gay—what they do when they are alone. It bothers me that some people think being accepted means I welcome these kinds of questions.

MYOB IN AUSTIN

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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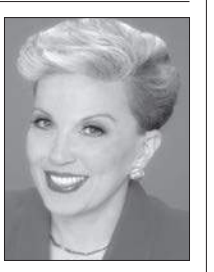

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DEAR MYOB: There is no end to the nosy and intrusive questions people with poor judgment will ask. However, there is a standard response that may resolve your problem if you say it with a smile. It's, "If you'll forgive me for not answering that question, I'll forgive you for asking!"

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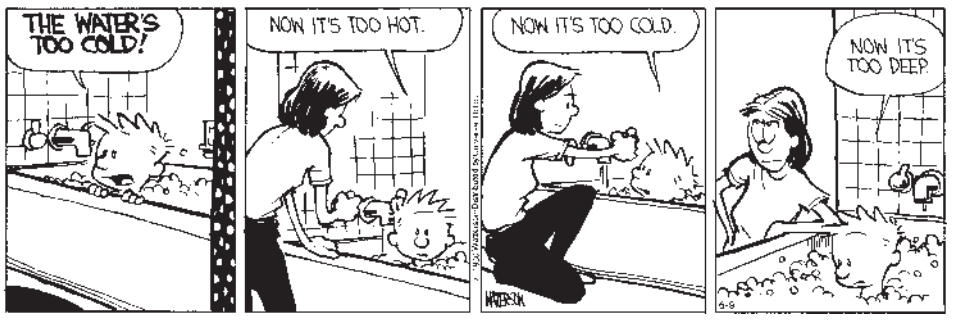
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

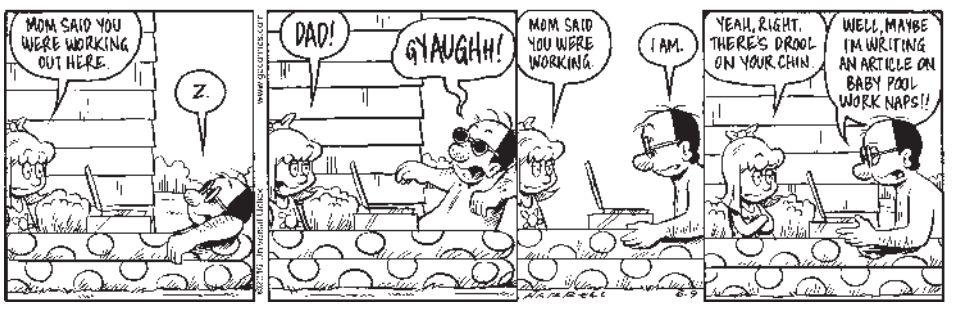


Garfield®

By Jim Davis

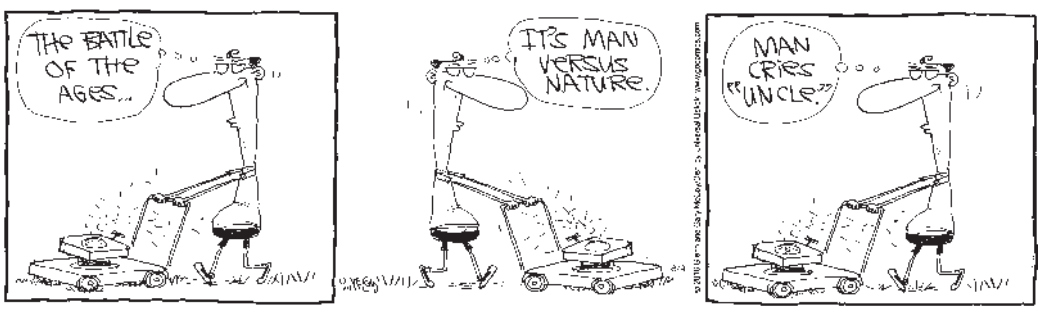
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


MOM SAID YOU WERE WORKING OUT HERE.
Z.
DAD!
GYAUGHH!
MOM SAID YOU WERE WORKING.
I AM.
YEAH, RIGHT. THERE'S DROOL ON YOUR CHIN.
WELL, MAYBE I'M WRITING AN ARTICLE ON BABY POOL WORK NAPS!!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Pop
5 Flavor enhancer, for short
8 New newts
12 Timely query?
13 Small battery
14 Yuletide tune
15 Scrambled wd.
16 Sailor
17 Ballet attire
18 New
20 Noisy napper
22 Zodiac cat
23 Music booster
24 "Funny!"
27 "The House of Mirth" heroine
32 Lyricist Gershwin
33 "This — test"
34 "Awesome!"
35 Gas station store, often
38 $ dispensers
39 "CSI" evidence
40 Little rascal
42 Ploy
45 Kilt pattern
49 Slightly open
50 — Dhabi
52 Sea predator
53 Poi base
54 YouTube upload (Abbr.)
55 Must have
56 911 responders
57 Summer on the Seine
58 Antitoxins

DOWN

1 Did the crawl
2 "It can't be!"
3 Out of play
4 Actress Lansbury
5 Mississippi emblem
6 — Paulo
7 Yaks
8 Place in a crypt
9 Like a barbershop quartet's harmony
10 Head, to Henri
11 Insult
19 Concerning
21 Aye undoer
24 That fellow
25 "Entourage" role
26 Street vendor's vehicle
28 Medit. nation
29 Leeway
30 Hit hard
31 QBs' goals
36 Preambles
37 Avril follower
38 Cooks' garments
41 Bell or Barker
42 London gallery
43 In — (stuck)
44 Bear lair
46 Nest setting
47 Computer brand
48 Zilch
51 Iota

Solution time: 24 mins.

B	A	W	L		N	B	C		O	D	D	S
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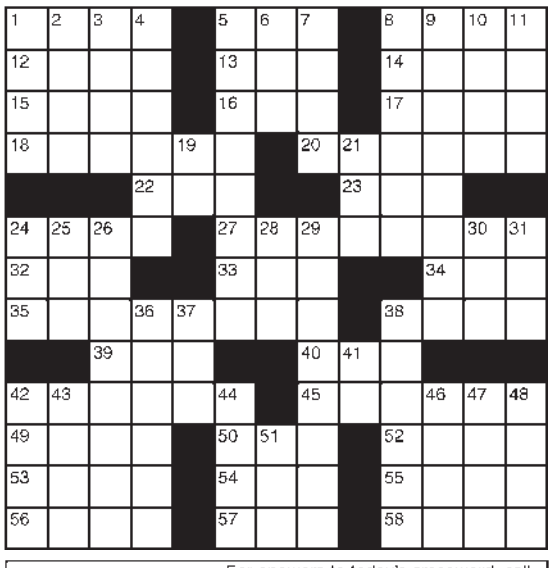
Yesterday's answer 6-9



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Natalie Portman, 35; Johnny Depp, 53; Aaron Sorkin, 54; Michael J. Fox, 55.

Happy Birthday: You can make a difference if you follow your heart and do what's required to bring about change. Express your desires and ideas to those in your community who you feel can help. You don't have to take gigantic steps. A reasonable plan will be the most effective option. Attraction is apparent, but discretion will be necessary to avoid complications. Your numbers are 2, 12, 16, 25, 31, 39, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't forget to have some fun. Making travel plans with someone special or socializing with friends will round out your day. Putting a little extra into your appearance and making personal changes are encouraged. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Listen to others, but don't let your emotions take over. Now is not the time to start a fight. Use your intelligence to plan events or to add to your roster of skills and knowledge. Make plans and proceed. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): A unique approach to life will help you avoid boredom. Let your charm and ability to find solutions take over. The help you offer others will make an impact in your community and keep you from feeling too selfish. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Shake things up. You may not like change, but it will result in things that you will eventually be grateful for. Use your imagination and you will impress your friends and feel good about your achievements. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Familiar emotions will surface. Do your best to offer a concise depiction of the way you feel and why. Much can be accomplished if you can talk openly without getting angry. Being stubborn will not help you get what you want. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't feel you have to make a snap decision. You are best to take a wait-and-see approach to help you move forward. Don't feel obligated to deal with matters that don't really concern you. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You will attract attention if you make personal updates to your appearance. Your genuine approach to keeping the peace will put you in a good position to bring about the changes you feel will improve your community or personal situation. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Don't share secrets or feelings with your colleagues. It's best to stay mysterious and keep others guessing. Let your uniqueness be your strength. Your courage to do your own thing will help put you in a key position. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stay true to your plans. Refuse to let anyone twist your words or make you feel you have to bend to their agenda. Sticking to your strategy and following through with your actions will make a positive statement. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): An unusual financial situation will unfold. Taking care of someone else's personal assets will lead to a unique opportunity. Changes at home will be in your best interests, but don't expect everyone to agree with your decisions. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stick close to home or take care of personal business. Getting involved in someone else's dilemma will lead to an argument or get you blamed for meddling. Focus on your own responsibilities instead. Romance should be a priority. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put more muscle and energy into whatever you take on. It's your drive and passion that will draw others to lend a helping hand. Don't make personal changes based on poor information. Do your own research. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are articulate, entertaining and stylish. You are fascinating and beguiling.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

4		9						5
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Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/09

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

2	5	3	1	6	7	8	4	9
1	9	6	8	4	3	5	2	7
7	8	4	2	9	5	1	6	3
6	2	9	5	8	4	7	3	1
4	1	7	3	2	9	6	8	5
8	3	5	6	7	1	4	9	2
5	4	1	9	3	6	2	7	8
9	6	2	7	1	8	3	5	4
3	7	8	4	5	2	9	1	6

Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/09

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Antonine, Base, Baths, Berms, Bridges, Britannia, Chesters, Chollerford, Corbridge, Empire, England, Forts, Frontier, Gate, Haydon, Milecastles, Miles, Picts, Reign, River Tyne, Rock, Roman, Segedunum, Senhouse, Statues, Stone, Tea Room, Temples, Tourist, Towers, Turrets, UNESCO, Vallum, Views, Votive, Walk, Wallsend, York

Yesterday's Answer: Salinity

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1 Building & Grounds Maintenance. $6.05/hr. Mail resume to Pacific International Marianas, Inc. dba Midway Motors. P.O. Box 500887 Saipan MP 96950.

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1 Electrician $6.05/hr. Mail resume to C&H Saipan, Inc. P.O. Box 501608 Saipan, MP 96950.

1-AutoCad Operator-$6.55-$8.50/hr. Minimum of 10 years experience. Fax resume to 234-9796. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 General Manager - $1,100.00/bi-weekly. Minimum of 5 years experience. Fluent in Korean. Call 234-3201. Kimco Ent. Inc.

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1 Taekwondo Instructor, $10.25/hr. Mail resume to Blue Dragon Martial Arts Corporation at P.O. Box 506310 Saipan, MP 96950

L & F INC.
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Accountant - $6.30
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting
- Knowledge in Peach Tree software
- 5 years of experience required

Building Repairer Maintenance - $6.05
- 5 years experience

(2) Maintenance Repairer - $6.05
- 5 years experience in Rod/Reel and Gun repairs

Administrative Assistant - $6.05
- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration
- With experience in bookkeeping
- 5 years experience required

Applicants must be able to work flexible hours and must have a valid CNMI driver's license.

Please email resume to info@fishingtacklesaipan.com

1 Maintenance and Repair Worker, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to Elliot System, LLC. at P.O. Box 5568 Saipan, MP 96950

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4 Landscaper and Grounds Keeping Worker, (2) Waiters and Waitress, $6.05/hr. Mail resume to MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. at P.O. Box 504053 Saipan, MP 96950.

Wanted - Commercial cleaner for diving business on Rota. Five years experience, high school diploma, 2 letters of recommendation from former employers and police clearance required. Minimum salary. Position starts on October 2, 2016. Call 532-3423 for interview.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Fishermen (2)
High School diploma or GED certificate or equivalent. Knowledge in food production, mechanical, transportation and geography.

Sales & Marketing Coordinator (3)
Associate's or Bachelor's degree. 2-3 years work experience in marketing policies and programs, pricing strategies, product development or trends.

Marketing/Multimedia Artist
Associate's or Bachelor's degree. 3-5 years work experience in marketing policies and programs, creation of special effects or other visual images, and designing complex graphics and animation. Knowledgeable in CAD software, web platform development softwares, and video creation and editing softwares.

Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing required prior to employment. Send resume to Jarvis Corporation. PMB787 Box10001, Saipan MP 96950

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
(1) Auto Mechanic
High School graduate, with at least one year experience as auto mechanic, salary will commensurate with qualifications & experience. Please apply personally with resume & police clearance at **Dream Plan Action dba DPA Car Mart,** San Antonio, Saipan MP 96950 • Tel.: (670) 235-8688

JAR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
Job Vacancy Announcement
(2) MASON
- With 4 to 5 years experience

If interested, send resume to:
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Music Teacher
Conservatory of Music graduate
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E-mail: littlehandsmusic@yahoo.com

WHATZIT Solution: Bags under the eyes

Job Vacancy Announcement
Closing Date: June 14, 2016

(2) Barber
(3) All-around Beautician
(1) H.E. Parts Specialist
(1) Business Operations Manager
(1) Sales/Accounting Clerk
(1) Air-con Technician

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3. Workers Compensation

Job Description
- Assist students in classrooms, halls, cafeterias, school yards, and gymnasiums
- Must be able to communicate effectively
- Must have 2 years of experience working with small children.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(7) Cook
(4) Waiter/Waitress
(1) Restaurant Manager
Applicants should have a minimum 3 years work related experience. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service, preferably knows how to speak Chinese and Japanese. Flexible working hours.

(1) Maintenance Technician
Minimum 3 years work related experience. Flexible working hours.

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REQ Day & Night Child Care

Job Vacancy Announcement

(3) Day Care Workers
- CCDF or DCCA Certification Required
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Must be reliable
- Medical Background is a plus
- Three years' experience in Child Care

(3) Teachers
- BSE/ED Graduate
- Three years' experience in head start, pre-school and afterschool teaching
- Must be computer literate
- Must have tutorial experience
- Certification in tutorial is a plus.

Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications.

If interested, please email resume to reqchildcare@yahoo.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

4 Sales Associate–Minimum 3 years work experience.
1 Store Manager–Minimum 5 years work related experience.

Must be able to consistently demonstrate customer service. Preferably knows how to speak and read Chinese and Japanese. Flexible working hours.

1 Accountant–Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Minimum 5 years work experience. Proficient in MYOB/AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software, MS Word, Excel. Effective oral and written communication skills.

Applicants should mail their resume to PMB 1118 Box 10003, Saipan, MP 96950 or email saipanbest07@gmail.com. American Saipan Best Corporation dba Saipan Best Shopping Market.

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (06)
- Must pass NCLEX-RN with current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to Five years experience in hemodialysis or related field
- English language skills – proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- In-service training with Baxter Phoenix Machines
- Experience with Ameriwater Bicarbonate Distribution System

Hemodialysis Technicians (07)
- Certificate from Junior College/Technician School in Healthcare or related field
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Three years hemodialysis experience preferred
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Flexible with time schedule

Water Treatment Technician (02)
- Must be able to perform task which may not appear difficult at first glance, but requires a high degree of knowledge and experience to properly operate and maintain
- Operational knowledge of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
- Knowledge of the theory of fluid dynamics
- Understand the mathematical relationships and common formulas of basic water treatment and distribution systems
- Know the specific operations of the water treatment distribution systems, unique to a dialysis unit
- Be familiar with infection control of hemodialysis facilities, safety & life safety policies
- Pass the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency test for Certified Water Treatment and Distribution Operators Level II
- Understand plumbing code and plumbing techniques
- Be able to demonstrate safe working techniques, proper plumbing techniques, when working pressure vessels
- Able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with PVC
- To accept and perform all other duties as may be assigned

Building Maintenance and Repair (03)
- Perform a variety of preventive maintenance and repair tasks on the facilities equipment, including some of the more complex repair task
- Perform preventive maintenance and makes routine repairs to electrical, plumbing and security systems
- Perform rough and finish carpentry work and takes the lead on projects such as building and paneling walls and petitions
- Install solar panels with experience in the maintenance of PV Models
- Maintains and repairs various equipment
- High School Graduate or Equivalent

Commercial Cleaners (02)
- Operate various mechanized cleaning equipment, such as vacuums, buffers and etc.
- Maintain facility in a sanitary and infection-free condition through washing, cleaning and replacement of equipment and furnishings
- Requires working in a damp, dusty and dirty areas. Must clean up human waste and other body fluids as required
- Responsible for disposal of trash, waste and other disposable materials
- Must handle various cleaning solvents and chemicals that is required by Medicare
- Damp dust furniture, light fixtures, windows and etc.
- Empty trash containers daily
- Clean and mop bathrooms daily. Mop all corridor floors, lobby and other floors daily
- Report any needed repairs immediately
- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients areas and lobby
- Use safety precautions in all housekeeping and post occupancy
- Required to maintain and clean in an orderly manner at the business office, Dr.'s office, accounting office, dietician and clinic managers' office
- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have their own transportation

Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc. in Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application or resume will be on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call 234-2901 ext. 128.

HEALTH PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

Registered Nurse (01)
- Must pass NCLEX with current CNMI RN license
- Must hold a degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- At least two to five year's experience
- English language skills - proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Front Office Manager (01)
- At least with over six year's experience in medical billing, electronic health records and practice partner record
- Must be familiar with medical terminology, ICD 9, coding of medical procedures and diagnosis
- College Graduate
- English language skills – proficient in spoken, written and comprehension
- Must be a certified pharmacy technician
- Must be proficient in computer skills, spreadsheet and general accounting skills

Ultrasound/X-Ray Technician (01)
- At least six year's experience or related field
- Must hold a Bachelor of Science in Radiology Technology
- Must have over six year's experience in electronic health and practice partner records
- Experience/knowledgeable with practice partner software in electronic health records usage
- Licensed by Medical Professional Licensing Board, CNMI

General Yard Maintenance (02)
- At least two years' experience with preferred skills
- Experienced in assisting a building construction/renovation
- Maintain the interior and exterior of the clinic in a neat and orderly condition
- Maintain plants by transplanting and fertilizing
- Assist in cleaning the clinics' air conditionings
- Flexible in assisting other related maintenance duties
- Flexible with time schedule

Healthcare Clinic System Manager (01)
- Minimum of three to five years work related skills, knowledge or experience
- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent
- Maintain specialized computer programs relating to healthcare operations (medical billing, patients record, scheduler)
- Maintain all of the company's computer system including computer hardware, software, network and advance servers
- Oversee medical billing department by utilizing specialized computer software
- Oversee administrative areas and designs, develop and maintain paperless computer system
- Building maintenance repair, electronic records and prescription with meaningful use in compliance with Medicare and Medicaid standards
- Perform other duties as may be assigned

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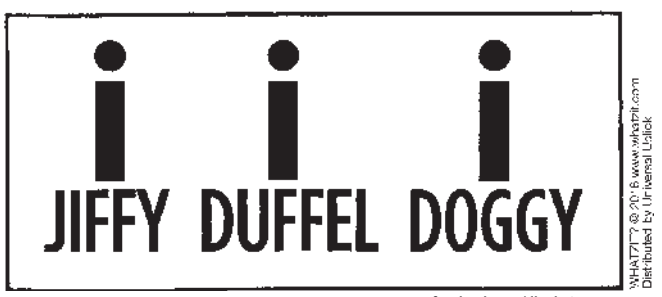

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Warriors, Cavs both know Finals can turn quickly

CLEVELAND (AP)—Golden State has won the first two games of the NBA Finals, both of those wins coming by double figures and with a few dominant stretches of basketball in there.

Strange as this sounds, that has the Warriors feeling a bit uneasy.

The champions know exactly how fast a series can change, having just pulled off a mathematically improbable comeback from 3-1 down against Oklahoma City in the Western Conference finals. And even with the odds now stacked high against Cleveland in these NBA Finals, the Warriors say they cannot fall into the trap of thinking this series that resumes with Game 3 on Wednesday night is already over.

"That's a great analogy, one that we've already used," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said Tuesday. "It doesn't matter what the scores are, doesn't matter if you win by 25 or lose by 25, it's one game in the series. And we got blown out twice in a row in OKC, down 3-1, and we were able to come back. We know we're playing against a great team. They're coming home. They can change the momentum around with just one win."

Cleveland hopes he's right.

The Cavs might be without concussed Kevin Love for Game 3, but they are 7-0 at home in these playoffs—winning by an average of 20.9 points.

"It's a do-or-die game for us," Cavaliers forward LeBron James said. "We can't afford to go down 3-0 to any team, especially a team that's 73-9 in the regular season and playing the type of basketball they're playing."

When the Warriors were on the brink of elimination against the Thunder, history suggested that they had a 3.9 percent chance to win the series -- 232 previous NBA teams were down 3-1 in a best-of-seven, and only nine won.

Compared to that, Cleveland's chances look fabulous.

"We're not in that bad of shape as they were—3-1 is worse than 2-0," Cavaliers coach Tyronn Lue said. "And they came back and took it one game at a time, like we have to do."

Teams that have fallen behind 2-0 in the NBA Finals have rallied to win 9.7 percent of the time, with three of them getting it done in 31 past opportunities. The 1969 Boston Celtics, 1977 Portland Trail Blazers and 2006 Miami Heat all lost the first two games of the finals on the road before winning the title -- the Celtics doing so in seven games, the Blazers and Heat getting it done in six.

"History," Lue said, "is something that's made to be broken."

Despite their predicament, the Cavaliers certainly seemed confident and loose on Tuesday.

During the open portion of practice, James was laughing with teammates and tossed up the occasional underhanded 60-footer -- reacting with mock disbelief when the low-percentage shot didn't fall. Point guard Kyrie Irving played a long game of 1-on-1 with Cavs assistant coach James Posey, who was on that Heat team that rallied from 2-0 down in the finals against Dallas and hit a huge shot in the clinching game.

Their thinking is simple: Take care of home court Wednesday and Friday, knot the series and see what happens in a best-of-three.

"When they go on their runs, we have to be able to withstand those punches," Irving said. "And Game 1 and Game 2, we've done it at times. We've shown that we're capable of doing it, but we're just constantly on our heels."

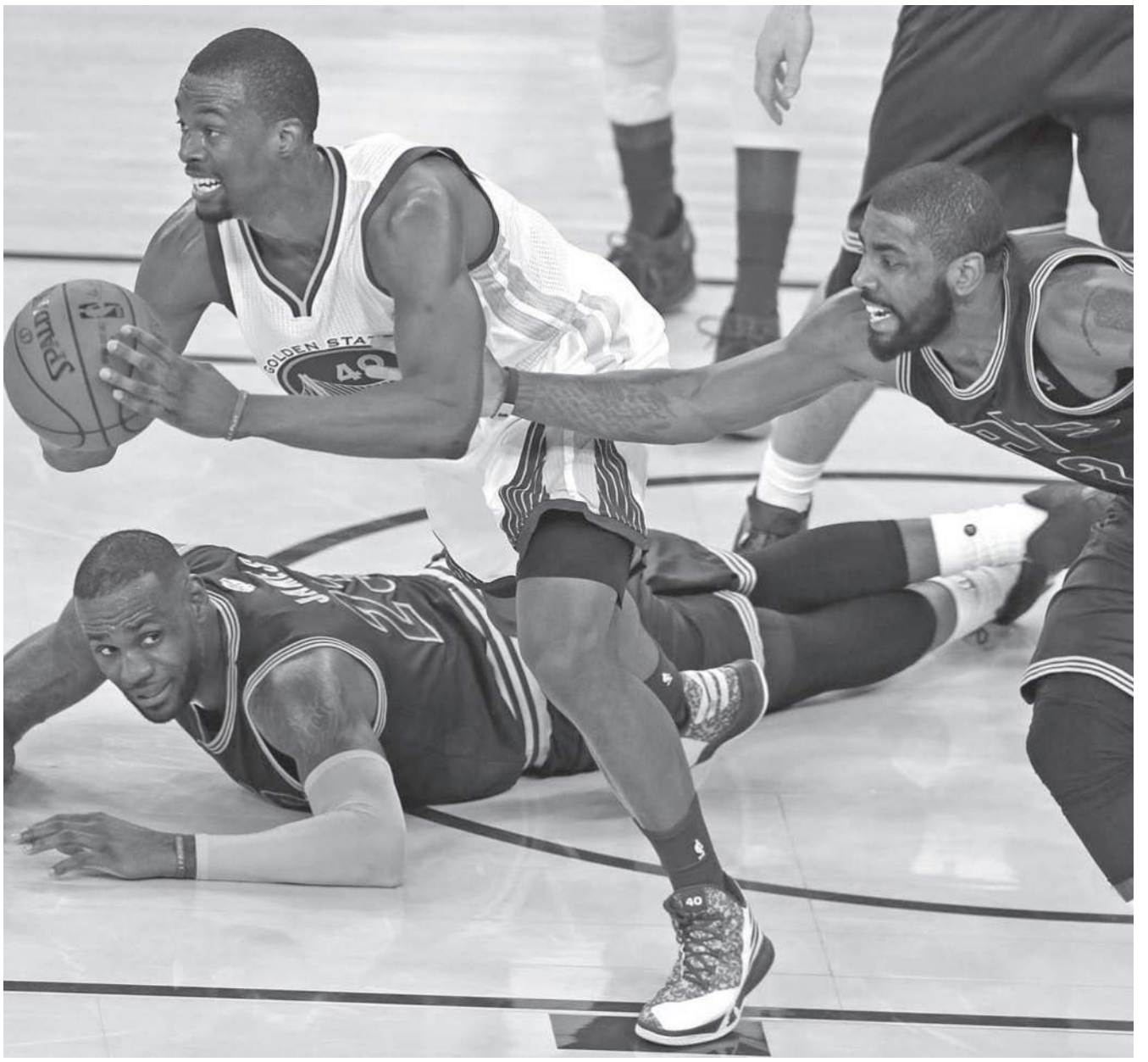
That's what the Warriors do against everyone, not just the Cavs.

Cleveland's biggest lead in the series so far is six points. Golden State's is 33. In four games this season, including the two regular-season matchups, the Warriors have held the lead for a staggering 87 percent of the time. And in last year's finals, Golden State won twice in Cleveland—more than proving that it can handle the Cavs' raucous home crowd.

"We know they're going to make adjustments," Warriors star and two-time NBA MVP Stephen Curry said. "We know they're going to come out with a sense of urgency in the moment. But we need to have that same mentality, because for what's at stake, if we're able to go up 3-0, that is a great position to be in. That is the opportunity in front of us."

And no one has ever come back in an NBA series from 3-0 down, either.

"We can't relax," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "No time to relax."



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Golden State Warriors forward Harrison Barnes, center, dribbles against Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, bottom, and guard Kyrie Irving during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 5, 2016.

The Finals

Cavs may be without Love in Game 3

CLEVELAND (AP)—Already underdogs, the Cavaliers may also be undermanned for Game 3 of the NBA Finals.

They remain undaunted.

The Cavs practiced Tuesday without starting forward Kevin Love, who is following the league's concussion protocol after being struck in the back of the head by Golden State's Harrison Barnes during Sunday night's Game 2 blowout loss.

Love stayed in the locker room while his teammates practiced on the floor at Quicken Loans Arena, where they are 7-0 in this postseason and will have 20,000 screaming fans on their side for the next two games. Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said Love is feeling better, but his status for Game 3 -- and the remainder of the series -- hinges on him passing several physical tests and getting cleared to play.

Love might be uncertain. LeBron James, on the other hand, is positive the Cavs can't let anything become a distraction.

"Next man up," James said. "We're down 0-2, and we can't afford to look and say: `Wow, Kev's not playing. What are we going to do?' It's next man up because it's a must-win for us. So obviously his health is very important, but in the situation we're in now, we've got to stay confident."

If Love can't play, Lue will have to replace 16.5 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. A potential move is bringing back Russian center Timofey Mozgov, who was disappointing in the regular season and has been exiled to the bench. The 7-foot-1 Mozgov was Cleveland's second-leading scorer in last year's finals against the Warriors, who switched to a smaller lineup to drive him off the floor.

One thing that Lue and his staff will change is the approach when it comes to physicality: Cleveland had success when it got aggressive with the Warriors in last year's finals, so it's a reasonable assumption that the Cavs will try it again Wednesday.

Lue considered other lineup changes in hopes of slowing the Warriors, who won the first two games by a combined 48 points despite sub-standard performances by shooting stars Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson, whose splashes have been mere sprinkles so far.

"We've thought about it, we've talked about it, but I can't let you know what we're planning on doing," Lue said with a laugh.

Lue's first postseason as a head coach has been relatively uneventful. He's made savvy moves, kept his players focused despite a few lengthy breaks between series and handled the daily circus surrounding any team James plays on with a steadying hand.

But despite his team's 33-point loss in Game 2, Lue has faith the Cavs will respond.

"We've just got to execute," he said. "When we get chances on the break to convert, we've got to convert. When we get open shots, we've got to take advantage of open shots. We just can't turn the basketball over like we've been doing. If they turn the ball over 20 times, which is good, in our home building, we should be fine to get out and run and play with pace.

"We're not discouraged. They won two games and the series is not over until you win four."

For now, the Cavs' only objective is to win one.

Until the finals, they rampaged through this postseason, sweeping series against Detroit and Atlanta before eliminating Toronto in six games. Unlike last year, when Love was out with a dislocated left shoulder and Irving was knocked from the finals with a shattered kneecap, James was getting help and didn't have to carry the Cavs virtually all by himself.

And while James' statistics through two games are LeBron-like -- 21 points, 10 rebounds, 9 assists -- he had seven turnovers in Game 2, a performance that irked him so much that he got on the first team bus leaving Oracle Arena and immediately began watching it on the team's ride to its San Francisco hotel.

He dismissed the sentiment offered this week from legendary coach Phil Jackson, who feels the four-time MVP should take over in Michael Jordan fashion.

In his sixth straight finals, James isn't changing a thing.

"I think for me to go out and be who I am and play as true to the game and as hard as I can and try to lead this team, that's who I am," James said. "Not anybody else. I'm not Michael. I'm not (Muhammad) Ali. I'm not nobody else that's done so many great things for sport. I am who I am, and if I'm able to go out and put together a game like that, it wasn't because I was possessed."

US bounces back with 4-0 victory over Costa Rica

AP
United States' DeAndre Yedlin (2) and Costa Rica's Ronald Matarrita (22) battle during a Copa America Centenario group A soccer match at Soldier Field in Chicago, Tuesday, June 7, 2016.

CHICAGO (AP)—The fans stood and cheered when Clint Dempsey headed off the field in the second half, and the forward responded with his own round of applause.

Brad Guzan held his arms in the air after the final seconds of his happy homecoming.

After days of questions and criticism, it was a couple of perfect pictures for the United States.

Dempsey had a goal and two assists, and the U.S. rebounded from its opening loss in Copa America with a convincing 4-0 victory over Costa Rica on Tuesday night.

"Goals change games, and the guys up front took care of that," said Guzan, who only had to make one save in his 16th international shutout.

Dempsey, Jermaine Jones and Bobby Wood scored in the first half and substitute Graham Zusi added another goal in the 87th minute as the U.S. moved into prime position to grab one of two spots in the knockout round coming out of Group A in South America's championship.

A victory against Paraguay on Saturday night in Philadelphia and the Americans are through to the next stage.

It was quite a response to days of questions after the U.S. allowed a goal off a corner kick and committed a costly hand ball in a 2-0 loss to Colombia on Friday night. Another loss against Costa Rica and the U.S. would have been eliminated on the fifth day of the tournament.

"I see a team progressing. I see a team that badly wants to prove itself with these caliber teams in the Copa America," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said.

"It was a very, very encouraging performance by us against Colombia. Obviously, the result, especially here in the U.S., that's all that matters to a lot of people. ... The team, they know where they stand."

Costa Rica, which played a scoreless tie against Paraguay in its Copa opener on Saturday in Florida, looked sluggish for long stretches of the first half and was unable to recover. It played without key defender Kendall Waston after he got a red card in the previous game.

The loss to Colombia ramped up criticism of Klinsmann, who said last month the Copa goal for the Americans was the semifinals.

U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati told a group of reporters before the match that recent results for the men's team "haven't been what we would have hoped for, especially in the official competitions."

But Klinsmann and his players insisted they felt pretty good in the team's performance on Friday night in Northern California, and the coach doubled down on the positive vibe by sending out the same starters against defensive-minded Costa Rica.

And it worked—in a big way.

Moments after DeAndre Yedlin's poor clearing attempt almost set up an early goal for Costa Rica's Joel Campbell, the Americans started to find their way.

Wood was pushed in the back by Cristian Gamboa when he attempted to go after a cross into the box, drawing a penalty kick despite a series of protests in front of referee Roddy Zambrano. Dempsey then drove it past Patrick Pemberton on the goaltender's left side for a 1-0 lead in the ninth minute.

It was Dempsey's 50th international goal. He also scored his first at the home of the NFL's Chicago Bears on May 28, 2005, against England.

"You know where you kind of are in terms of the goals you've scored for the team," Dempsey said. "Yeah, it's good to be part of that club of getting to 50 goals. But the most important thing is we got the win tonight."

Bench-clearing fray mars Orioles win over Royals

BALTIMORE (AP)—Kansas City right-hander Yordano Ventura hit Manny Machado with a pitch to spark a bench-emptying fray, and the Baltimore Orioles extended the Royals' losing streak to a season-high six games with a 9-1 rout Tuesday night.

Mark Trumbo homered and drove in four runs, and the Orioles also got long balls from Ryan Flaherty, Chris Davis and Adam Jones.

But the game's most striking moment came in the fifth, when Ventura (4-4) drilled Machado in the back with a 99 mph fastball. In the second inning, with Baltimore leading 5-0, the two exchanged words after Ventura twice threw inside to the two-time All-Star.

So in the fifth, an instant after the ball hit him, Machado charged the mound. Ventura prepared for the onslaught by slinging aside his cap and glove, but Machado landed a solid punch before the pitcher tackled him to the ground.

Both dugouts and bullpens emptied before peace was restored. Machado was restrained by teammate Chris Tillman after the initial thrust.

Machado and Ventura were ejected.

Red Sox 5, Giants 3, 10 innings

In San Francisco, Xander Bogaerts hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the top of the 10th, and Boston snapped San Francisco's five-game home winning streak.

The Red Sox loaded the bases against Santiago Casilla (1-1), who struck out two in a perfect ninth before running into trouble.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 3

In Los Angeles, Trayce Thompson hit a game-ending homer in the ninth inning to give Los Angeles a win over Colorado in the home debut for teenage prospect Julio Urias.

The 19-year-old Urias struck out seven over four innings. The Mexican left-hander allowed three hits and one run and was removed after 86 pitches with his workload being strictly monitored in just his third career start.

Tigers 3, Blue Jays 2, 10 innings

In Detroit, Ian Kinsler drove in the winning run with a 10th-inning single, and Detroit won its fifth straight game, 3-2 over Toronto.

The Tigers tied it with two runs in the ninth, spoiling an outstanding effort by Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez.

Reds 7, Cardinals 6

In Cincinnati, Joey Votto homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, powering Cincinnati over St. Louis after it blew a five-run lead for the second straight day.

Votto connected off left-hander Kevin Siegrist (4-1) for his fifth career game-ending homer and Cincinnati's third homer of the game.

Brewers 5, Athletics 4

In Milwaukee, Zach Davies took a no-hitter into the seventh before allowing a two-out home run to Oakland's Billy Butler, and Milwaukee withstood a shaky ninth inning to hold on for a win.

Davies (4-3) allowed two hits and three walks over seven innings while striking out five.

Pirates 3, Mets 1
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In Pittsburgh, Juan Nicasio retired his first 12 batters and got his second win in six starts, and the Pirates beat New York to complete a doubleheader sweep.

The Pirates also won the first game 3-1 behind seven scoreless innings from Jon Niese (6-2) against his former team.

Rangers 4, Astros 3

In Arlington, Ian Desmond hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning and Texas extended its dominance of Houston with its season-high fifth straight win overall.

The Rangers are 8-0 this year against their AL West and instate rivals and have won 12 straight in Arlington against the Astros.

Mariners 7, Indians 1

In Seattle, Nelson Cruz homered twice and Wade Miley pitched seven scoreless innings to pace Seattle over Cleveland, snapping the Indians' six-game winning streak.

Cruz hit a two-run homer in the first inning off starter Cody Anderson (1-4) and added a solo shot in the fifth, his 15th, to put Seattle up 7-0.

Yankees 6, Angels 3

In New York, Carlos Beltran and Starlin Castro homered for the second consecutive game, sending a resurgent Michael Pineda and New York past Los Angeles.

Pineda (3-6) threw 22 of 27 first-pitch strikes and tossed seven efficient innings in his longest start since July 4 last year at Tampa Bay.

Phillies 3, Cubs 2

In Philadelphia, Jerad Eickhoff threw seven impressive innings, Ryan Howard hit a solo homer and Philadelphia beat Chicago.

Eickhoff (3-8) allowed one run and two hits, striking out eight nnings.

Nationals 10, White Sox 5

In Chicago, Bryce Harper drove in three runs, Anthony Rendon homered and Washington handed Chicago its 19th loss in 25 games.

Rendon hit a two-run homer off Mat Latos (6-2).

Twins 6, Marlins 4

In Minneapolis, Brian Dozier's two-out, two-run home run in the 11th inning gave Minnesota a 6-4 victory over Miami, the third game-ending homer in Dozier's career and just the second win for the Twins in their last eight games.

Dustin McGowan (0-2) walked Joe Mauer and gave up the drive to Dozier to take the loss for the Marlins.

Diamondbacks 5, Rays 0

In Phoenix, Zack Greinke threw a three-hitter and Arizona beat Tampa Bay.

Greinke (8-3) struck out two and walked two in his fifth career shutout and first since July 13, 2013, against Colorado at Dodger Stadium.

Padres 4, Braves 3

In San Diego, Derek Norris tied the game with a home run leading off the ninth and Wil Myers singled in the winning run to give San Diego a victory against Atlanta.

Norris hit the second pitch from Arodys Vizcaino (1-1) over the fence in left-center, his seventh.

Samuel on top; Ezekiel gets second win

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Samuel took the solo lead in the 5th Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League, while Ezekiel bagged its second win last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Samuel outclassed Isaiah, 76-67, in the curtain-raiser to improve to a 3-0 record and clinch first place in the eight-team field and ahead of idle Jeremiah (2-0). Isaiah is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-3, sharing the cellar with Daniel, which was beaten by Ezekiel in the second game, 62-58. Ezekiel is in third place with its 2-1 slate, while Joshua (1-1), Gideon (1-1), and Caleb (1-1) complete the field.

Mark Cando and Jerome Reyes teamed up in leading Samuel to its third win in as many games as the former scored a game-high 28 points and the latter added 21. Cando had an explosive start, drilling 19 markers in the first half, which ended with Samuel ahead, 43-37. Reyes also finished in double figures in the opening 20 minutes of play, recording 11.

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Ezekiel's Brian Reynolds, center, tries to keep the ball away from Daniel's Rodel Morales during the second half of their game in the Genesis Cup last Sunday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Reyes continued his consistent scoring in the second half, making three fields goals and four free throws, while Cando still contributed 9 points en route to their 9-point victory.

Oliver Gragasin led Isaiah's losing cause with his 19 points, but was held to 3 markers in the second half. Only Nathan Huddleston nailed more than two field goals for Isaiah in the second half, allowing Samuel to keep its lead.

In the second game, Dan Toribio top-scored for Ezekiel, tallying 20 points. He had 8 in the second half and drew a lot of help from his teammates to help their team recover from a 7-point deficit in the early goings of the final frame. Four other Ezekiel players contributed at least 7 points each.

Rodel Morales had 14 markers to pace the winless Daniel.

First Game

Samuel 76 — Cando 28, Reyes 21, Brillo 7, Badal 6, Gonzales 4, Gonzales 4, Relorcasa 4, Francia 2.

Isaiah 67 — Gragasin 19, Tenepere 12, David 11, Huddleston 10, Estanislao 8, Manalang 5, Santos 2.

Scoring by halves: 43-37, 76-67.

Second Game

Ezekiel 62 — Toribio 20, Samonte 10, Eugenio 9, Reynolds 8, Yang 7, Marilla 4, Casuncad 2, Dela Cruz 2.

Daniel 58 — Morales 14, Ibanez 13, Borja 10, Rabago 7, Guevarra 6, Ibajan 4, Deang 2, Calibo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 37-31, 62-58.

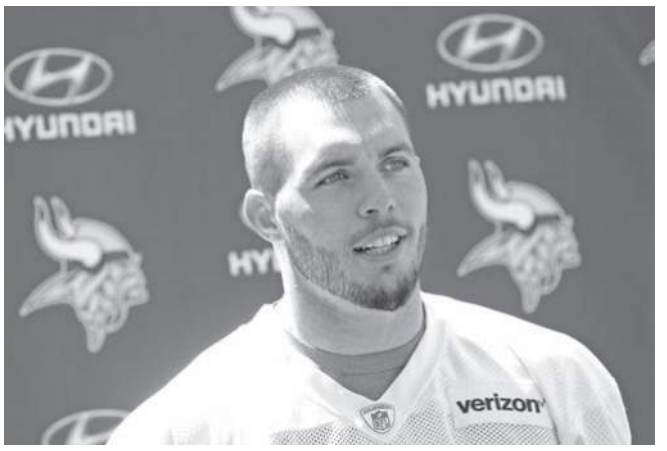
Smith wanted to stay with Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Harrison Smith could have waited until next year to become a free agent and, perhaps, found more money on the open market with other teams bidding against the Minnesota Vikings.

Smith saw no reason to delay, since he wanted to stay. The Vikings were more than willing to satisfy his desire to be the highest-paid safety in the league.

"You always want to be recognized as one of the top guys at your position," Smith said Tuesday, the day after signing a five-year contract extension with an annual average value of $10.25 million.

"I think if you're a competitor you always see yourself like that. There's a lot of mutual respect between myself and the organization. I think that just reflects that."



AP
Minnesota Vikings safety Harrison Smith addresses the media after the NFL football team's practice Tuesday, June 7, 2016, in Eden Prairie, Minn. Smith signed a contract with the Vikings making him the highest paid safety in the NFL.

The relationship has been built through Smith's agent, Brian Murphy, who also represents defensive end Everson Griffen, tight end Kyle Rudolph, center John Sullivan and cornerback Trae Waynes on the Vikings.

Murphy has worked well enough with general manager Rick Spielman and vice president of football operations Rob Brzezinski that neither side has any reason to be adversarial.

"We don't have to deal with any of the usual posturing or feeling-out period," Murphy said. "We have too much respect for each other to do that."

Smith's new deal, including a $10 million signing bonus, guarantees him $28.578 million.

"It doesn't have to be acrimonious. The Vikings had a very clear goal of tying up Harrison for the next five years, and that aligned with our goal of making Harrison the highest-paid safety in the league," Murphy said in a phone interview.

The Vikings extended Smith a year ahead of time, but they waited with Griffen. Murphy gained more trust in 2014 when he spoke honestly to Spielman and Brzezinski about his client's market value as free agency approached.

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ed an RBI at the bottom of the first where the Yankees got two runs with Roke Tenorio making it home off Lizama's sacrifice out and Jess Brel reaching from the Islanders' error at first base. The Yankees then went without a run in the next three innings, while the Islanders tallied two runs to force the standoff 2-2.

Jerald Cabrera put the Islanders on the board off a sacrifice fly from Bradley Lieto at the top of the fourth, while the former's RBI triple tied the match at the top of the fifth.

However, the Yankees quickly broke the deadlock and regained the upper hand at the bottom of the fifth after collecting six runs. Tenorio and Franklin Lizama each hit an RBI single in the pivotal inning and Peyton Lizama scored off a fielder's choice. J.J. Chang, Angel Palacios, and Perry Celis also reached off passed balls from Nate Camacho to lift the Yankees to the 8-2 advantage.

The Yankees went on to keep the lead after shutting down the Islanders in the last two innings. Peyton Lizama continued to work the mound for the eventual champions, teaming up with Franklin Lizama for a 1-3 putout play on leadoff batter Lieto at the top of the sixth. Second batter Craig Aguon then flied out at shortstop, while Peyton Lizama was credited for back-to-back strikeouts (uncaught third strikes) before the Yankees got the final out at the top of the sixth on a 4-3 play against Henry Lizama.

The Yankees also failed to score at the bottom of the sixth, but that did not discourage the team, as they concentrated on defense in what turned out to be the last inning in the finale—the top of the seven. The Yankees got the first out of a 6-3 play on Vincent Leon Guerrero, while Peyton Lizama walked Camacho, who later moved to record after relief pitcher Brel also walked Cabrera. Camacho and Cabrera were eventually left stranded as the Yankees got the two remaining outs with Jang and Angel Palacios catching fly balls from Jhace Palacios and Lieto, respectively.

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nia players set up quarterfinal duel against Lee and Llarenas after a similar super tiebreaker third-set victory against Fiji's Raymal Singh and Mulan Kamoe, 0-4, 4-2, 10-3.

In the semis, Llarenas and Lee saw their winning run snap by Fiji's William O'Connell and Tarani Kamoe, the second-ranked pair in the division. O'Connell and Kamoe, who came from a tough 2-4, 4-2, 10-5 win over No. 5 seed and Australia's Andrew Tavella and Nicole Sewell, this time needed only two sets to foil Llarenas and Lee's semis bid, 4-1, 4-1.

With the loss, Lee and Llarenas will have to play in the battle for third place against the top-ranked duo of New Caledonia's Nickolas N'Godrela and Lysiane Moto, who were stunned by No. 3 Travis Dragojlo and Helen Parsons of Australia, 4-3 (0), 4-3 (4), in the other semis pairing.

The semis stint in the mixed doubles was Lee's third in the Oceania tournament, as she and Isabel Heras earlier made it to the Final Four of the team event and girls doubles. Heras also played in the mixed doubles with Guam's Mason Caldwell and they lost to Fiji's Finau Fa and Vienna Kumar in the opening round, 2-4, 1-4.

Lee and Heras will finish up their consolation matches today before heading to New Caledonia for an ITF Juniors ranking tournament. They will return to Fiji for another competition under the ITF Juniors Circuit.

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Lubao's kick. Sablan was up next, but his shot was also foiled by WSR goalie Oliver Fajardo, while Church put his team on the board. Anthony Bergancia then evened up the match anew, but that was it for WSR, while Audrey Castro made the go-ahead for the eventual champions.

The private schools students were undefeated in the weekend's tournament, which culminated NEA's training program that started last May 16. Northern Mariana Islands Football Association staff members and other volunteer coaches conducted the program, visiting the various elementary schools on Saipan on weekdays from May 16 to June 3 to develop the players' skills.

At the end of the training sessions, the participating schools competed in the NEA Cup and were grouped into two for the elimination round. Group A had the private schools, Koblerville, Garapan, and San Vicente, while WSR led Group B and was pitted against Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Kagman, and Oleai.

WSR earned a 3-0 mark in the pool play after clobbering Kagman, 7-0; edging GTC, 2-0; and nosing out Oleai, 1-0. GTC finished with a 2-1 mark to join WSR in the crossover semifinals, while Oleai and Kagman ended up with 1-2 and 0-3 marks, respectively, in Group B.

In Group A, the private schools had an unblemished 3-0 record after starting their string of wins with a 1-0 victory over Garapan and also beating Koblerville, 2-1, and San Vicente, 2-0. Koblerville took the other semis ticket in the group with its 2-1 slate.

In the Final Four, the private schools shut down GTC, 2-0, to arrange a final showdown against WSR, which also blanked Koblerville, 4-0, in the other semis pairing.

President Cup 3 v 3 Football Tournament

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Tan Holdings Football Club's boys U14 team members and coaches pose with NMIFA president Jerry Tan, back row center, after receiving their first place medals and trophies during the awards ceremony for the President Cup 3 v 3 Football Tournament held late last month at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Kanoa Football Club's U14 players show the medals and soccer balls they won for placing second in the age group contest.

Kanoa Football Club's U12 players, who topped their age group competition, join NMIFA president Jerry Tan, back row fifth, and event coordinator Ruselle Zapanta for a group photo.

Tan Holdings Football Club's co-ed U12 team members gather for a photo after getting their runner-up prizes.

Tan Holdings Football Club's co-ed U10 players receive trophies, balls, and medals for winning their division.

Matansa players and coach Panapa Peteru are joined by NMIFA president Jerry Tan for a photo after the competition.

A Tan Holdings player, right, dribbles in front of an MP United defender.

Kanoa's Kirt Andon, left, is guarded by Tan Holdings' Thaiphi Austria during their U14 match.

Matansa and MP United players chase the ball.

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Private schools top NEA Cup

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Students from private schools and their coach Yuji Ochiai pose for a group photo after winning the 2016 National Elite Academy Cup held last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

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A team made up of private school students ruled the 2016 National Elite Academy Cup after edging William S. Reyes Elementary School in a shootout in the finals, 2-1, last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Whispering Palms' Max Church and Brilliant Star School's Audrey Castro scored for private schools in the shootout. Richard Castro, also of Brilliant Star, was the goalie of the winning team in the shootout, while other members of the squad were Whispering Palms' River Kramer, Dylan Mister, and Erin Frink, Saipan Community School's Kaito Rechucher, Saipan International School's Andrew Chung, Brilliant Star's Aubrey Castro, and Mt. Carmel School's Andrew Sablan and Markus Toves.

Toves, who won the MVP award in the tournament, earlier nailed a goal for the Eddie Ochiai-coached private schools in the first half of the finale, while Daniel Pablo hit the equalizer for WSR in the second half.

With the match tied at regulation and neither team scored in the extra time, the finals was decided via shootout with WSR attempting first and Richard Castro blocking Brian

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Lee earns third semis stint in Fiji

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The CNMI's Carol Lee had another semis stint in the 2016 Punjas Oceania Tennis Championships after barging into the Final Four of the mixed doubles event.

Lee partnered with Guam's Daniel Llarenas and the two North Pacific players were seeded fourth in the 19-team field of the competition being held in Suva Fiji. The CNM-Guam pair drew a bye in the opening round of the bottom half of the draw before slipping past Vanuatu's Lorraine Banimataku and Leniker Thomas, 3-4, (4), 4-1, 10-4, in Round 2. The Vanuatu duo advanced to the second round after sweeping Samoa's Lyla Tapusoa and Leon Soonalole, 4-2, 4-1.

Up next for Lee and Llarenas were the No. 6-ranked team of William Bruchard and Nikita Bouttier of New Caledonia and they played another extended game before pulling off a 4-3 (2), 1-4, 10-2 triumph to move into the semifinals. The New Caledo-

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Carol Lee eyes the ball during one of her games in the 2016 Punjas Oceania Tennis Championships in Suva, Fiji last week.

Yankees take Big League title

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The Yankees added another championship trophy to their collection after defeating the Islanders, 8-2, in the Big League division finals in the 2016 Saipan Little League Baseball last Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Yankees, who took the division pennant after topping the four-round robin regular season with their 8-4 record, leaned on the steady pitching of Peyton Lizama and their solid batting at the bottom of the fifth inning to sweep the top honors in the Big League this season.

Lizama pitched in 6. 2 innings, allowed only two hits, and gave up only one earned run. He also had five strikeouts and walked only four.

The Yankees pitcher add-

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Yankees players and officials are joined by Saipan Little League Baseball officers and guests during the awards ceremony for the Big League division last Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Yankees defeated the Islanders in the finals, 8-2.